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Council delays vote on City Hall

Some residents say the \$5 million proposed for expansion and retrofit could be better spent on other projects.

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The City Council postponed a decision to expand and retrofit City Hall and the police and fire station at a cost of \$6.5 million after several residents complained and said that more money should be spent on other city projects.

The discussion at Tuesday night's Council meeting focused on how to spend \$13.5 million in measure F bond money, approved by Albany voters in November 2002.

City staff had recommended the city spend the \$6.5 million on the City Hall and public safety project: about \$4 million more in the cost of simply making the buildings earthquake-safe. Police Chief Greg Bone, Police Lt. Mike McQuiston and Fire Chief Marc McGinn spoke in favor of spending the entire \$6.5 million on the expansion and retrofit. The approximately 40-year-old police and fire buildings need more space and upgraded utilities in addition to being earthquake-safe, they said.

"We've basically outgrown our current," McGinn said.

The \$6.5 million option would add a 1,100-square-foot second story to the city's fire station; and a 200-square-foot second story to the City Hall and the police station. The city's emergency operating center would be moved to the community center to the police station.

The public works department would also be moved to City Hall from its current location at 548 Cleveland Avenue.

The City Hall and the public safety buildings are located in a single building bordered by San Pablo and Marin avenues and Buchanan Street.

"We're not asking for the Taj Mahal option here," McQuiston said.

Spending

In addition to the City Hall project, city staff also recommended spending \$2.2 million for park and recreation facilities and improvements; \$1.1 million for street repairs and \$2 million for traffic-calming projects.

Resident Geoff Piller warned the council that the small share of money proposed for parks and recreation projects would lead to disappointment and cynicism among voters.

The \$2.2 million proposed for park projects would be a "very difficult pill to swallow," for voters, said Piller, a member of the city's parks and recreation commission.

The council should spend at least \$4 million on park and recreation projects, said Piller and Hugo Larman, another park and recreation commissioner.

Resident Maureen Crowley suggested placing a measure on the ballot asking residents to tax themselves to fully fund the City Hall and public safety project.

Early in the discussion Councilwoman Peggy Thomsen and City Mayor Robert Good appeared ready to approve the \$6.5 million for the city hall expansion. Mayor Jon Ely was absent.

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CIRCUS IN EL CERRITO



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A CONTORTIONIST

demonstrates feats of flexibility, balance, and strength — and an audience member tosses a handful of popcorn into the air to try for a mouthful after being cajoled by a clown — during a Circus Chimera performance in El Cerrito on July 3. The circus had children's rides, animals, food, and many acts inside the big tent to entertain the crowds. Circus Chimera will travel throughout the Bay Area until August. Its schedule can be found at www.circuschimera.com.



Proposal for antennas raises static for some

■ A plan to install them at El Cerrito High to get better reception for cell phones raises concerns over health, aesthetics

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Cell phones may be a convenient way to communicate, but they're creating headaches for some residents who live near El Cerrito High School.

A plan to mount three MetroPCS cell phone antennas near the top of a light fixture at the school's football field drew about 20 neighbors to the city's Wednesday night planning commission meeting.

About 10 residents spoke to the issue. All opposed the plan, citing concerns about health, aesthetics

and lowered property values.

Residents and MetroPCS will have to wait to see what happens next as the planning commission postponed its decision until its August meeting. The plan also needs approval from the El Cerrito Design Review Board. That meeting is scheduled July 21.

The antennas would be about 51 inches tall and 6 inches wide, and would be painted the same color as the light fixture. The light fixture is about 81 feet high.

The plan would include a 135-square-foot equipment area located on the ground near the high school track and football field.

No 'significant' impact

MetroPCS representatives, including a consultant with expertise about electromagnetic radiation, stressed that the antennas

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State grant will help build new El Cerrito park

■ The money represents work coordinated by the city, the Friends of Baxter Creek and the Watershed Project of Richmond

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A weedy patch of land at San Pablo and Macdonald avenues is moving ever closer to becoming a park thanks to a \$492,000 grant awarded to the city and the group Friends of Baxter Creek by the state Water Resources Control Board.

On the 1.6-acre piece of land at El Cerrito's border with Richmond, city officials and creek advocates envision a city park that includes a bike path and a restored portion of Baxter Creek.

"This new \$492,000 grant ... will enable the city to extend the Ohlone Greenway along a restored creek — creating a graceful gateway from one city to another and preserving native habitat for a variety of birds, frogs and other wildlife," said Friends of Baxter Creek coordinator Maryann Abernethy.

The grant represents years of work coordinated by the city, the Friends of Baxter Creek and the Watershed Project, a Richmond-based nonprofit environmental

Baxter Creek project

El Cerrito is making an effort to clean up and create a trail on a parcel of land near San Pablo Avenue on the north side of town. Recently the city got a \$492,000 grant to move forward with the project.



organization. Almost \$1 million has so far been spent or earmarked for the project, nearly all of it through state grants.

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Engineer wins praise at El Cerrito City Hall

■ Officials say Jerry Bradshaw is perfect fit as public works manager

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Jerry Bradshaw is still getting used to his new job and office at the El Cerrito City Hall. Ask him to find some information about a city project, and it might take him a minute.

But that's fine with city officials who feel the easygoing engineer is a perfect fit as the city's new public works manager.

The public works position was one of three high-profile city positions the city was recruiting for, following the April retirements of former public works director Dan Clark, finance director Brian Foster and city clerk Linda Giddings. Giddings has since been filling in the city clerk position part-time.



Jerry Bradshaw

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JOANNA JHANDASTAFF

EL CERRITO RESIDENT Alisa Croveti and her 11-month-old daughter Olivia Titterton hang out at home Friday, July 2. A back room faces the El Cerrito High football field, where an antenna is proposed.

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Albany

2 school board seats to be up for election

The terms of Albany School District Board members Sherri Moradi and Charles Blanchard will be up for election this November. Residents who wish to run for those seats should file candidacy papers with the Albany city clerk between July 12 and Aug. 6 at City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

For more information, call school district Superintendent Willie Wong at 510-527-1368.

Council votes to fund extra library hours

The Albany City Council voted 4-0 to spend \$423,925 of "library tax" money over the next fiscal year to keep the Albany Library open an additional 21½ hours a week.

Those hours are on top of the 15½ hours the Alameda County Library provides. As a result, the library will be open 37 hours a week.

Albany voters approved Measure N, the "library tax," in 1994, said city clerk Jackie Bucholz. The money is used annually to supplement Albany library hours.

El Cerrito

National Night Out set for Aug. 3

National Night Out, an annual event designed to enhance public safety by highlighting the importance of citizen awareness in preventing criminal activity, will be held on Aug. 3.

Informational meetings for residents interested in learning more about the event or who would like to help an organize an activity will be held July 13 and July 20 from 7 to 8 p.m.

The first meeting will be held at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane; the second will be held at the El Cerrito Royale Retirement Residence, 6510 Gladys Ave.

Volunteers are needed to serve as "neighborhood captains" and help organize National Night Out activities in their neighborhoods. Activities range from potlucks or barbecues to simply taking time to visit with neighbors or creating an emergency neighborhood contact list.

Residents who are unable to attend one of the meetings are encouraged to contact the El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee at 510-215-4414, ext. 30 or e-mail crimeprevention@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us with questions or to sign up as a neighborhood captain.

Circulation plan meetings scheduled

A series of user-group meetings are being held to assist the city in developing a circulation plan for bicyclists, pedestrians and the disabled.

The meetings are divided into categories:

For those with environment/recreation interests, a meeting will be held Tuesday, July 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the police station, San Pablo and Mania avenues.

For the blind and visually impaired, the meeting will be held July 15, from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Orientation for the Blind, 400 Adams St.

School safety will be held July 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, San Pablo and Mania avenues. For those in west El Cerrito, the meeting is July 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. For the disabled, the meeting will be at the City Council Chambers, 7007 Moers Lane, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call Natasha Goguts at 510-215-4312 or e-mail ngoguts@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

El Cerrito author to speak July 20

El Cerrito author Margaret Judge will read from her book "Time and Time Again at the El Cerrito Library on Tuesday, July 20, from 7 to 8 p.m. Judge's debut novel tells the story of a young woman's struggle to survive parental sex abuse.

For more information, call 510-526-7512.

Talks on school safety to be held

Community discussions between school officials and parents about school safety will be held in El Cerrito on Thursday, July 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at El Cerrito City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather input for the city's circulation plan for bicyclists, pedestrians, and disabled. Share your ideas of how to improve safety around schools and promote biking and walking to schools.

For more information, contact Natasha Goguts by calling 510-215-4312 or email ngoguts@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

West County

Meetings on high school reform slated

Three meetings on local high school reform will be held in the upcoming weeks. The meetings are being held by a West Contra Costa County School District "blue ribbon committee" working to develop a five-year plan for effective district high schools. The meetings are intended to gather resident input.

The meetings will be held:

Thursday, July 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Contra Costa College, 2600 Mission Bell Drive, in San Pablo

Sunday, July 18, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Sikh Temple, 3550 Hillcrest Road in El Sobrante

Wednesday, July 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Peter's CME Church, 5324 Cypress Ave. in El Cerrito.

Refreshments will be served at all the meetings.

For more information call 510-234-3512 or go online at www.high-schoolreform.org.

EL CERRITO POLICE LOG

Friday, June 25

■ **ATTEMPTED ROBBERY** — A man attempted to rob a dry cleaner on the 10500 block of San Pablo Avenue at 6:12 p.m. He fled without taking anything after the clerk began to shake and scream.

■ **BURGLARY** — Some \$3,000 worth of lumber was taken from a construction site on the 7200 block of Fairmount Avenue sometime between 2:30 p.m. on June 25 and 12:42 a.m. on June 29.

■ **ROBBERY** — A man armed with a silver revolver robbed Atlas Liquors at 8:50 a.m. The man brandished the gun at the clerk, demanded cash and then fled after taking \$425, police said.

Sunday, June 27

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — A 37-year-old Oakland man was arrested at 3 p.m. on suspicion of shoplifting at Target.

■ **BURGLARY** — A residential burglary occurred on the 1700 block of Lexington Avenue sometime between 1:30 p.m. on June 27 and 1:30 p.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A black 1991 Honda Accord was taken from the Target parking lot sometime between 2 and 2:20 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A brown 1991 Honda Civic was taken from a driveway on the 6600 block of Hagen Boulevard sometime between 5:10 and 5:55 p.m. The vehicle was later recovered by Pinole police.

Monday, June 28

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1991 Nissan Sentra was recovered at 7:15 p.m. at Mania Avenue and Kearney Street. The vehicle had been reported stolen to Oakland police on June 26.

Tuesday, June 29

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A purple 1997 Ford Ranger was taken from the 1300 block of Brewster Lane sometime between 9:30 p.m. on June 29 and 7:45 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1989 Toyota station wagon was recovered at El Dorado and San Mateo avenues at 4:45 a.m. The vehicle had been reported stolen to

Berkeley police on June 24.

Wednesday, June 30

■ **BURGLARY** — A 22-year-old man was arrested after fingerprints were found at a home on the 8500 block of Eureka Avenue. The home was burglarized on June 28.

■ **BURGLARY** — Someone entered into a home on the 7700 block of Reka Avenue sometime between 3:20 p.m. A sliding glass door had been pried open.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 2002 Honda Accord at 4:50 a.m. taking the vehicle on a test drive. Honda of El Cerrito. Police said a man stole the car after the driver exited the vehicle.

ALBANY POLICE LOG

Tuesday, June 29

■ **SLEEPING** — Shortly after midnight officers responded to the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a subject sleeping on the ground. They arrested the 41-year-old Albany man for disorderly conduct when he was found to be intoxicated. He was cited and released.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — An unknown thief stole a blue 1986 Buick LeSabre from the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. It was located on July 3 in Sacramento. It had been partially stripped and the license plates were missing. The owner was notified and picked up the vehicle at the scene.

■ **TOYOTA FOUND** — Officers responded to the 400 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a vehicle blocking a driveway. A check found that the white 1996 Toyota Corolla had been reported as stolen.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 5:30 p.m. officers responded to reports of a subject who was intoxicated and breaking windows in a back yard on the 700 block of Washington Avenue. The subject was last seen near Solano Avenue and Pierce Street. Officers located the 39-year-old Albany man and arrested him for disorderly conduct. He was cited and released.

Thursday, July 1

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Unknown thieves broke into a brown 1998 Toyota Sienna parked on the 1000 block of Ordway Street and stole items inside.

■ **VANDALS** — The owner of a business on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that subjects have been vandalizing company vans and requested extra police patrols.

Friday, July 2

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 7:30 a.m. officers stopped a gray 2000 Honda Civic on the 800 block of Washington Avenue and arrested the driver, a 27-year-old Albany woman, when she was found to have an outstanding Albany warrant for petty theft. She was cited and released.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a gray 1997 Honda Civic on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue and stole the radio.

■ **BEER THIEF** — At about 5 p.m. an employee at a liquor store on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a man had just stolen a bottle of beer.

Saturday, July 3

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m. officers stopped a 2004 Honda motorcycle

near Solano Avenue and Adams Street for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the rider, a 29-year-old Pinole woman, for DUI. She was cited and released.

Sunday, July 4

■ **KNIFE ATTACK** — At about 7 a.m. officers responded to the 500 block of Kains Avenue on reports of a woman with a knife threatening a man, and a child was also present. Officers contacted the 38-year-old Albany woman and said she used the knife to cause injury to the man who was her husband. A check found that she had an outstanding Oakland warrant in the amount of \$383 for littering. She was arrested for felony assault, causing corporal injury, assault on a police officer and the outstanding warrant. She was transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **NOISY FIREWORKS** — There were several reports during the day and night on people setting off fireworks in several areas in Albany. Officers issued warnings.

Monday, July 5

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 2 a.m. officers responded to a bar on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a customer who was causing a disturbance and refusing to leave. They arrested the 33-

year-old Oakland man for disorderly conduct. He was cited and released when sober.

■ **ARSON** — Firefighters responded to a report of a fire on the porch residence on the 700 block of Route Boulevard. On the way to the scene they saw a garbage can on the 1300 block of Washington Avenue and stopped to put it out. In route, they found another garbage can on fire and a fire on two porches on the 700 block of Route Boulevard. They put out the fires. The next day a resident of 1200 block of Portland Avenue reported that someone had lit a torch on fire in his back yard and thrown it onto his porch. He extinguished the fire himself. They are being investigated.

Summary

During the week of June 28 through July 5, officers responded to 28 reports of stolen vehicles, responded to 15 false alarms, attended to three dogs and assisted two people who were locked out of their cars. In a domestic arena, officers provided stand-by for seven custody exchanges, responded to 31 child abuse and 146 civil assists. Officers stopped 80 vehicles or persons in 23 citations and 57 warnings. Firefighters responded to 10 fire calls and 18 medical emergencies.

Governor appoints two new UC Regents

■ **Schwarzenegger also names seven members to California State University Board of Trustees**

By Suzanne Pardington
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Friday appointed two men to University of California's Board of Regents and seven members to the California State University Board of Trustees.

The new UC Regents are Fredrick Ruiz, who with his father founded Ruiz Foods, a leading Mexican frozen food company in Tulare County; and Paul Wachter, founder, president and chief executive officer of Main Street Advisors, a financial advising firm. They will serve 12-year terms on the 25-member board.

"Successful members of the business community, Paul and Fred understand the critical role of higher education in the future of our state, and they will bring tremendous experience to the

University of California Regents," Schwarzenegger said in a news statement.

"Both share in my commitment to strengthening California's university system and continuing our long tradition of providing affordable, quality education to students in this state."

* Ruiz, a 60-year-old Republican, has helped to develop UC's 10th campus in Merced as a member of the UC Merced Foundation board.

He is committed to ensuring that the Merced campus is "not just a good university but a great university, not just first class but world class," Esteban Soriano, vice chancellor of university relations and advancement, said.

The Merced campus is scheduled to open to its first 1,000 students in September 2005, but it may be delayed if lawmakers remove \$20 million for the campus from the state's 2004-05 budget.

"It will certainly be helpful to UC Merced that we will have a re-

gent who is experienced and intimate with the development of the campus so that he will be able to provide insights to other regents who want to know more about the university," Soriano said.

Wachter, a 47-year-old Los Angeles resident, has served on the board of Schwarzenegger's charity, the After School All Stars, and worked with the governor's wife, Maria Shriver, on the board of the Southern California Special Olympics. He also has served as the chairman of the Austrian Holocaust Reparations Committee. He declined to state his political party on his voter registration.

The seven appointees to the 25-member CSU Board of Trustees are:

■ **Jeffrey Bleich**, a 43-year-old Democrat from Piedmont, is a partner at the Munger, Tolles and Olson law firm and an adjunct professor at UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law;

■ **Herbert Carter**, a past president of Cal State Dominguez Hills, is a 70-year-old Democrat from Los Angeles;

■ **Carol Chandler**, a 58-year-old Republican from Selma, partner in Chandler Farm, a former UC Regent;

■ **Moctesuma Esparza**, a Los Angeles Democrat, executive producer of parza/Katz Productions and executive officer of MAYA Co. of North America, Inc.;

■ **George Gowgani**, a 68-year-old Republican and former associate dean of the College of Culture at Cal Poly San Obispo;

■ **Raymond Holdsworth**, resident of Palos Verdes Estates and a Republican, is a past president of the California Chamber of Commerce; and

■ **Melinda Guzman-Morales**, a Democrat, is a law partner at Goldsberry Freeman Gunn and Ditora and chairwoman of the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

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Piedmont students visit Letterman on the cheep

WELL, HE did it again. Once more, David Letterman flew four kids from the Piedmont High School Bird Calling Contest to New York to appear on his show. And once more, he cut off their five minutes before air time.

This year, the ax fell on a Sezen and Kelsey Weber, who were all set to perform the call of the kook-kurra. They were good. But they were good. As for the others came off stage, Ella and Kelsey rushed to tell them how good they were.

This being summer vacation, most of the kids have flown scattered to the four winds. (Ella is in Israel, Kelsey Rutherford is in Italy, Claire Neumann is in France, etc.) But Chloe Fineman is back home, and here's her report. It started Sunday, June 6, when the bird callers — Ella and Kelsey, Chloe and Claire Neumann, Addison Mike and Jon Edmonds, and Lacy Halliwell and Brandon Paris — flew to JFK, accompanied by their faculty sponsor, Vice-Principal Randall Booker.

They got their first taste of Apple hospitality at Times Square, where the girls were greeted by an authentic New York taxi driver "in a really obnoxious way," says Chloe. The next morning at breakfast, they indulged in a forbidden luxury.

"At home, all our parents buy sugar-free, non-hydrogenated oil, low-carb, wheat-free food," says Chloe. "So we ate Oreos, with loads of sugar and fake marshmallows. It was delicious!"

At 11:45 a limo picked them up to drive to the Ed Sullivan Theater for the rehearsal. A producer named Anna read them a long list of don'ts: Don't try to be funny, don't stand with your arms crossed, don't make cracks, etc. Then it was time for the run-through.

Letterman wasn't there, but one of his producers stood in and did a dead-on impression of Dave that had the kids in stitches. "It was absolutely freezing here," says Chloe. "They kept it cold to prevent the cameras from overheating. Despite the way it looks on TV, the set is absolutely dead. And that New York skyline backdrop is really just a wall of colored paper and Christmas tree lights."



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

After the rehearsal, they asked the limo driver to take them to the best pizza place in town. Chloe's verdict: "Good, but not as good as Zachary's."

Then it was back to the theater for the taping at 5 p.m. That's when Ella and Kelsey were cut.

The others lined up backstage, waiting their turn. Jon and Addison went first, followed by Claire and Chloe. Then Lacey, Brandon and Bunnny. All of them were funny and engaging and totally charming.

As they came offstage, Claire and Chloe ran into the next guest, actress Kirsten Dunst, who chirped, "Great job, girls!"

Letterman traditionally sends the kids to an expensive restaurant after the show, but they were so stuffed with pizza, they decided to skip dinner and see the musical "Rent" instead.

Afterward, they stood outside the stage door and got autographs from the stars, including "American Idol" Frenchie Davis and Chloe's childhood idol, Scary Spice.

Then it was back to the hotel to watch themselves on TV, munching Cheese-Its and tubs of Ben & Jerry's ice cream. They were too wired to go to sleep, so they stayed up talking until 3 a.m.

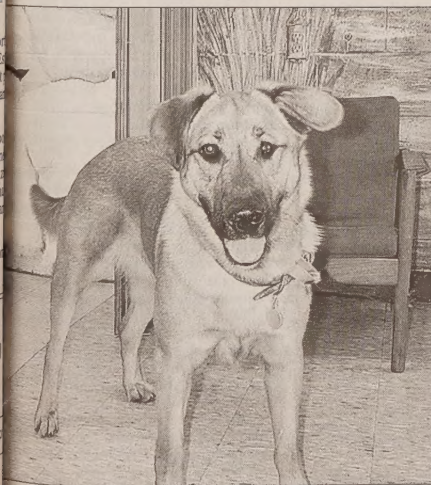
The next day they got their first taste of celebrity when they flew back to Oakland. Somebody recognized them in the airport security line and exclaimed, "I saw you last night on Letterman!" It happened again when they got to their gate.

Apart from their on-air time, they never talked to Letterman. Or bandleader Paul Shaffer. Or even Tony Mendez, the cue card guy, for that matter.

"But it doesn't matter," says Chloe. "We got a free trip to New York and a chance to be on the show. I can't wait to do it again next year!"

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or email msnapp@cc-times.com.

ET OF THE WEEK



COURTESY BERKELEY HUMANE SOCIETY

BUG is a 3-year-old German Shepherd-Golden retriever mix. Friendly, social, she loves people and other dogs, has a lot of energy and would do well in an active, outdoorsy household. Kids in the home should be 10 or older.

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

You can meet more Humane Society dogs Sunday, July 11 at the Bay to Barkers at Berkeley's Cesar Chavez Park. More information is available at www.berkeleyhumane.org.

Dogs: Male husky-border collie mix, 5 months; male border collie-greyhound mix, 1 year; male terrier mix, 2 years; male border collie-pit bull mix, 5 months; female pit bull-Labrador retriever mix, 4 months; male German Shepherd-Labrador retriever mix (two dogs), 5 months; female terrier mix, 1 year.

Cats: female calico (two cats), 3 years; female calico, 9 years; female black-and-white, 5 years; female gray tabby, 6 years; female tortoiseshell, 7

months; female black-and-white, 3 years; female black-and-white, 7 months; female dilute tortoiseshell, 5 years; male black-and-white, 1 year; female brown-and-white tabby, 6 years; female black, 7 months; female calico, 3 years; female black, 6 years; male black tabby, 2 years; male gray, 1 year; female gray tabby, 7 months; male black-and-white, 5 years; male brown tabby, 1 year; several litters of kittens.

Adoption fee: cats \$100; dogs \$125 — including spaying/neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

Neighbors

FACES & PLACES

The Albany Rotary Club celebrated its 75th anniversary and awarded a scholarship at its June 15 meeting.

The Rotary awarded the Joe Villa scholarship to Wei Foong Teoh, who graduated last month from Albany High School and will attend UC Irvine in the fall.

Joe Villa was an early member of the Albany Rotary Club who founded local grocery and liquor store businesses. He started the scholarship program for students who had overcome personal hardships with hard work.

The Albany Club received its charter in 1929 with a roster of 27 charter members. School Superintendent John West was the first club president. The Albany Rotary Club has 39 active members. Its president for 2004-2005 is Beth Pollard, City Administrator for the City of Albany.

El Cerrito Boy Scout Troop 104 held its annual Family barbecue and spring Court of Honor on June 8 at Camp Herms Boy Scout Camp above Arlington Park in El Cerrito.

The annual event celebrates the past year's activities, recognizes recent advancements and achievements, and welcomes new Scouts who are graduating from Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts.

The troop welcomed 15 new Scouts from various Cub Scout Packs with a ritual in which they received uniform patches, a camping cup and groundcloth, and a new troop neckerchief and slide. They also participated in the ritual of adding one drop of wax into a bowl of wax that contains the droppings of wax of every new Scout that has joined the troop since its inception in 1938.

The new Scouts are: Costa Adranly, Chris Bennett, Nick Cantu, Tim Clopp, Lias Djili, Quintin Gaddy, Evan Sirchuk, Phutsonoe Tony La, James Mayes, Brian Orr, Gian Pickell, Andrew Saindon, Jason Weissner, Roy Werbel and Jeff Williams.

Scouts whose advancements were recognized included Ashik Manandhar, the troop's senior patrol leader, who was presented merit badges for Computers and American Business. Citizenship In The Community merit badges were presented to Max Gonzales, Ethan Houser, Zachary Houser, Timothy Besette, Doug Fabini and Daniel Lawson.

Advancements in rank were awarded in four groups. Tyler Avant advanced to the rank of



COURTESY BOY SCOUT TROOP 104

DINA RASOR, merit badge counselor for Citizenship in the Community presents merit badges to Max Gonzales, Ethan Houser, Zachary Houser, Timothy Besette, Doug Fabini and Daniel Lawson of El Cerrito Boy Scout Troop 104.

Tenderfoot. New Second Class Scouts are Joe Clopp, Michael Knight, and Zachary Houser. And Timothy Besette advanced to First Class. Life rank was presented to Max Gonzales, Ethan Houser and Daniel Lawson.

Troop 104 participates annually in the Mt. Diablo-Silverado Council Camporee, a gathering of troops from throughout Contra Costa County where they compete in events testing the fundamentals of scouting, including orienteering, cooking, knot-tying, lashings, first aid, rescue techniques, and various events involving teamwork.

After two days of events, Troop 104 was awarded the ribbon for being the Presidential Troop, signifying the highest-rated troop in all events at this year's Camporee. This was the fourth consecutive year that Troop 104 has earned this honor. The ribbon was presented to Philip Dutton, the acting Senior Patrol Leader during Camporee and the leader of the troop in the last three years of Camporees.

In addition to the award for Presidential Troop, the Owl Patrol, led by Patrol Leader Jeffrey Franks won Presidential Patrol as the highest ranked individual patrol at the Camporee, and the Falcon Patrol, led by Patrol Leader Max Bolling won first place as the second highest-ranked patrol at the Camporee.

For more information about Troop 104, contact Scout Houser, Scoutmaster at 510-234-2251.

Nicole Catherine Berger of Albany was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Scripps College in Claremont (Los Angeles County). Nicole, a sophomore, is studying for a degree in anthropology and French.

Founded in 1926 by newspaper publisher, educator and philanthropist Ellen Browning Scripps, Scripps College is the women's college of the Claremont Colleges. Its four-year liberal arts curriculum emphasizes interdisciplinary studies in the humanities, fine arts, social sciences and sciences. Scripps' mission is to "develop in its students the ability to think clearly and independently and the ability to live confidently, courageously, and hopefully."

Air Force Airman Jamisha L. Williams has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. A 2002 graduate of El Cer-

rto High, Williams studied the Air Force mission and military customs, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations, among other subjects. Congratulations, Jamisha!

She is the daughter of James Williams of Pittsburg, and the niece of Lola Williams of Richmond.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."
— Thomas Jefferson

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Say 'G'day' to great books

WE DON'T KNOW what public libraries in Sydney, Perth and Melbourne are doing to promote reading this summer (which is their winter, but never mind) — but we do know that the Contra Costa County Public Library's Summer Reading Program has an Australian theme this year as a way to get kids to plop down and start turning pages.

And the Alameda County Library's Summer Reading Game has a theme, "The Secret of Pirate's Cove," with prizes for reading and a chance to play "pirate's bingo."

Prizes in the games include everything from coupons for a Carl's Jr. burger or salad, to free passes to the Lawrence Hall of Science to inflatable kangaroos.

The Alameda County Library's site, <http://www.acli.org/hottopics/index.asp>, has more details on its Summer Reading Game.

The Contra Costa County library's Web site, <http://www.contra-costa.lib.ca.us/>, has fun links to many things Australian, including a list of books that will introduce the young reader to the land Down Under with a bit more perspective than they'll get from watching "The Crocodile Hunter" on TV.

Speaking of TV: There's no better time than summer for turning it off. We've noticed — maybe you have, too — that TV listings have come to resemble our e-mail in boxes: Its hard to find anything of worth amid the vulgar, the vacuous and the vicious.

Consider turning to books, instead. In fact, rather than the latest celebrity tell-all or trashy beach book, this year how about casting your net farther back and reading some of those books you always meant to? You know, the ones whose titles are so familiar you *think* you've read them?

There might be an air of the classroom reading assignment attached to some titles — didn't we all have to read Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities"? — but most assigned reading is assigned because of its real value.

Once you get over it and actually start reading a book by a great author, you quickly discover why he or she is considered "great" — but usually you'll be too caught up in the story by then to think about it.

Don't know where to start? There are lists of great books for children and adult readers everywhere: at the library, the bookstore and on-line.

Great fiction has the double benefit of being entertaining and also giving us ways to understand the world we live in. You can tailor your own reading list by author or subject — or, like the young heroine of "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," maybe you'll decide to start at A and work your way down the alphabet to Z.

Why not gain a better understanding of our own state with great California authors? A trip to Monterey can be enriched by reading John Steinbeck's "Cannery Row" first. You can read Jack London's "Martin Eden" and get a sense of the Bay Area and Sonoma County at the turn of the last century.

Helen Hunt Jackson's 1884 book, "Ramona," is considered the first novel about Southern California; it also was aimed directly at raising the nation's consciousness about the mistreatment of California's indigenous people.

Or dip into books by Wallace Stegner, Amy Tan, Cecelia Holland, Gail Tsukiyama or Alice Walker, great California writers whose books aren't necessarily set in California.

When you pick up a book, you never know exactly where it will take you. But that's part of the fun.

College for foster kids

ALMOST ANY PARENT sending their children off to college can tell you about the huge expense. It doesn't matter if they have been saving for years to get them there or if the kids have some money to add, the costs are usually shocking. But these parents are there for their children with financial and emotional support.

Now imagine yourself a foster child. Your true guardian is the state of California and it will cut you off at 18, no emotional or financial support.

It hasn't maintained a college fund for you, and if it had, it certainly would have commandeered it by now for its real financial problems. As if children in the foster system don't have enough problems — including just getting out of high school — those qualified and desirous find it extraordinarily difficult to continue their education.

Several programs are available to help bridge the gap from child to adult, which legally happens for a foster child within a minute. As part of one program — the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program — grants are available for higher education. In fact, grants of up to \$5,000 are available right now.

Students or soon-to-be students who were in the California foster care system between their 16th and 18th birthdays, who had not hit 23 as of July 1 last year, and who are attending (or planning to attend) an approved school — community colleges, vocational schools, colleges and universities — at least half-time this year need to hustle and apply for this money. (For more information, go to www.chafee.csac.ca.gov or call 888-224-7268, then press 3.)

California received \$8 million last year for the 2003-04 school year, but didn't get the distribution mechanism up and running until April.

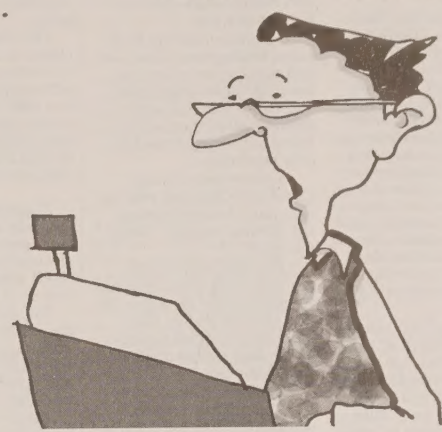
As of the end of June, the state hadn't even given out half. If this federally mandated money isn't spent, it's lost. And it could affect how much the state receives next year (if this money remains in the budget).

Considering the situation of many youths of the foster care system as they enter adulthood, we would hate to see this money — this opportunity — wasted.

As it does for most, college can change their lives for the better.

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SUMMER IS A GOOD TIME TO CATCH UP ON YOUR READING

I THOUGHT I'D READ
PRESIDENT CLINTON'S BOOK
THIS SUMMER.IT'S A LONG ONE.
WOULDN'T MAKE ANY
PLANS 'TIL THANKSGIVING

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Michael Moore is a patriot

I saw Michael Moore's new film, "Fahrenheit 9/11," and to my surprise, thought he did an excellent job with the subject matter, given the extraordinary scope of his topic.

Moore's critics accuse him of everything from having opinions (heaven forbid) to treason. These ad hominem attacks avoid the real issues at the heart of the film — the Bush administration's astonishing response to the attacks on our country.

Moore brings home the horror and sadness of war. This is true of any war, justified or not. Then he raises tough questions about the current war on Iraq; questions all of us ought to be raising.

The last time I checked, this country still considered itself a democracy. And the last time I checked, there was nothing unpatriotic about questioning the actions of an American president.

Moore's movie shows another side of the issue, one that doesn't get much play on TV or in newspapers. It provides an opportunity for citizens to inform themselves, ask their own questions, and make up their own minds.

Ann Manheimer
El Cerrito

Question authority

I was able to see "Fahrenheit 9/11" at a benefit event in San Francisco for an organization of family members of people who died in the Sept. 11 attacks and another organization of family members with troops stationed in Iraq.

I was moved, by the many first-hand accounts in the movie and by the benefit organizers, regarding the damage done to our country and people by the war rhetoric and actions of people who stand to gain financially from waging war.

I urge all patriotic Americans to have the courage to watch the movie, see what the fuss is about and apply your own best judgment to what it says, rather than accept someone else's opinion of its value.

As a country, we need to understand that true patriotism calls us to question authority — not to follow it blindly — if we feel it is not acting in the best interests of most people.

Laura Brainin-Rodriguez
El Cerrito

A better America

I've read several negative letters about what America would be like if Al Gore were president. My vision's completely different.

Bin Laden would be captured and killed, making the world safer. This would have been our first priority, not starting a war in Iraq.

If we hadn't gone to Iraq, we wouldn't be spending \$4.5 billion every month on a senseless war. That money could be used to help solve domestic problems.

Maybe every American would have decent health care and every child an excellent education. We wouldn't be leaving a huge national debt for future generations.

We wouldn't see photographs of flag-draped coffins or prison atrocities — not because they'd been censored, but because they wouldn't have happened. We'd be respected worldwide, not despised.

Gore really would have been an environmental president. He wouldn't have allowed our national parks' destruction for the profits of big oil, lumber or min-

ing companies. Environmental standards wouldn't have been relaxed, so large corporations wouldn't be polluting our air, water and food.

Under Gore, the America we leave our children would have been as good, or better, than what we inherited.

We need a president who cares. We can't afford four more years of Bush.

Jean Mock
Richmond

A good investment

In several weeks, the fate of many creeks, parks, trails and open space in Contra Costa County will be decided. Will it be decided by the folks who care about the natural environment that makes the East Bay such a desirable place to live and raise a family, but who forgot to vote?

Times readers have seen arguments for and against the open space mail-in ballot sent to property owners on June 10. Perhaps it is confusing to see the Green Party and Richmond Progressive Alliance endorsing this measure, along with developers and oil companies. But regardless of political affiliation, we all share an appreciation of beautiful vistas and opportunities for recreation.

A modest, annual fee of \$25 for most homeowners seems a small enough price to pay to maintain parks, complete the Bay Trail, preserve the Bay and delta shorelines, restore creeks and acquire fragile acres of scenic open space.

Ballots must be received by the Contra Costa Open Space Funding Authority by July 27. For more information about specific proposals and administration of the Open Space Benefit Assessment District, see www.cocopenspace.org.

Vote yes! It's a good investment.

Susan Swift
El Sobrante

What about the males?

A 17-year-old girl is in jail, charged with attempted murder for abandoning her newborn daughter in a farm workers' portable toilet. Where is the male who is involved? Or was this an immaculate conception?

There is another woman in jail in the Bay Area for abandoning her newborn in a garbage bag behind a bar. Again, where is the male?

A woman is in prison for drowning her five children, remember? Where is the husband who repeatedly impregnated her? No responsibility there either.

Still, some people, especially males, want to make abortion illegal again. I call that sexual subjugation of women. They euphemistically call it pro-life.

How many males will die at the hands of an illegal abortionist?

When will we start holding males responsible for their sexual behavior?

My advice to males on the subject of

abortion is zip up or shut up.

Marion A. McIntire
Richmond

Prosecute them

Those mothers, with ice-cube hearts, who abandon their babies should be punished to the full extent of the law, without compassion.

The teen-ager who recently left her baby in that outhouse should be prosecuted for attempted murder. How disgusting!

There are no excuses for these ruthless women who show no conscience toward their little ones. I am sure they are aware of the laws that allow them to leave their babies in any hospital without fear of reprisals.

These useless mothers need to see some videos on the loving care animals give their young. They protect them and teach them how to survive. Maybe those mothers could learn a lesson from nature.

Alice Noriega
El Sobrante

The buck stops in Washington

I'm a registered Republican but after seeing what Bush has done to our country, I won't vote for him in November.

The first reason's the war in Iraq based on a lie — where more than 800 of our beloved soldiers have lost their lives. There were no weapons of mass destruction. Bush could look at North Korea for WMD, but I guess they're too tough to take on.

By invading Iraq without U.N. sanction and an exit plan, Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld have cost the valuable lives of American and Iraqi and created worldwide hatred for America.

Our economy's been destroyed by the war's cost. Billions are spent in wars while our schools and social programs including Medicare and Social Security are gutted for lack of funds.

Too many suffer unemployment and stand in food lines, while Bush grants tax cuts benefiting the wealthy. Poverty increases under this administration.

And is our country safer now that a large portion of Middle East countries hate us and many former allies don't support our policies?

As to the appalling photos of Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib and the attempt to cover the behinds of those in command. The buck stops in Washington.

Wallace M. Hall
Richmond

Investigate gas prices

Paying more than \$2 a gallon for gas may not be an emergency for everyone. However, high gas prices are a burden on small businesses, commuters and low-income folks.

High gas prices hurt the economy, lowering the amount of money people have to spend on other things. People are less likely to travel to California, a state that gets a lot of revenue from tourism.

Instead of waiting for an acute emergency, Sen. Barbara Boxer and others have wisely called for investigation of high gas prices. Years ago, Republicans balked at investigations into what turned out to be criminal wrongdoing by energy companies such as Enron and Reliant.

This time we should let the leadership such as Boxer, lead.

William Walker
El Sobrante

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Cookie tasting to raise funds for book giveaway

Quote of the week:
"We put people on jeeps and seback and on dugout canoes. We have a clause in our application form that says we will be subject to riots and dis- animals and insects and dis- etc. You jump over the occasional snake. But you don't worry about it. It's not a problem what we do. And we haven't lost any volunteers ... Touch wood."

— Stan Brock, of Remote Area Medical; October 2004 interview



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

clinics, held in rural Tennessee and Virginia, be good places to do this? I wondered. I e-mailed Mr. Brock and asked him. Sure, he e-mailed me back, that would be good.

I am telling you this because on Saturday, July 17, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Edith Stone Room at the Albany Library, there will be a fundraiser for these books. This event, sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Library, is a Chocolate Chip Cookie Tasting, which means that for \$5 for individuals and \$7 for families, you can come and taste as many as 30 different chocolate chip cookies. And while you are tasting them, you can also vote for your favorite one in each of three categories, and help to decide which ones will get prizes. Or, if you have a favorite, potentially award-winning recipe, you can enter this contest by picking up an entry form at the Albany Library.

There will also be new children's books at the tasting, ready to be sponsored by anyone who would like to do that. These books will have bookplates in the front, so the child who receives the book can see who donated it.

There are probably many reasons why I am moved by the idea of putting new books in the hands of children.

Partly, it is the pleasure and company I have always found in books. But perhaps most of all, it is the stories I heard from my mother, who grew up in the rural South. Her family owned few books — none specifically for children — and that always seemed sad to me, since I grew up surrounded by them. So, if I were dedicating this fund-raiser, I would say: To my mother, who knew the value of a book.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@ac-library.org or at the Albany Library.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The Friends of the Albany Library sponsors a number of free programs this summer including: Randall Metz Irish folktale puppet show on Tuesday, July 27, 7 p.m. and Pirate Pete with P and T Puppet Theatre on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.

Summer fun at the library includes a summer-long reading game, "The Secret of Pi's Cove." The Reading Game runs through Aug. 14.

The Albany Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library, is located at 1247 Marin Ave. Information: 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

Local author Margaret Judge will read from her debut novel, "Time and Time Again," on Tuesday, July 20 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library. Judge, an El Cerrito resident, has written a novel of a young woman's struggle to survive parental sexual abuse.

Also at El Cerrito: Readers Anonymous, the library's book club, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Copies of the current selection are available at the checkout desk. The next book up for discussion is "The Secret History," by Donna Tartt, on July 27.

The El Cerrito Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. For more information, call 510-526-7512.

Family Storytimes for all ages are held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (except when special programs are scheduled) at the Kensington Library.

The Kensington Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is at 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707-1098. Phone: 510-524-3043.

KID STUFF

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GALLERIES AND EXHIBITS
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"One Giant Leap: A Moon Odyssey," ongoing. Take a simulated moonwalk, try on space helmet, climb into a Mercury capsule, and land a moon module in this new hands-on exhibit that explores the legends and science fiction about the moon. Learn what the Moon is made of, how it affects the Earth, what causes the Moon's phases, and what is the gravity on the Moon. See a piece of the Moon. The exhibit includes space artifacts and replicas from Sputnik and Mercury to Gemini and Apollo.

"Try Science Around the World," ongoing. This new multimedia kiosk will allow visitors to participate in science activities from museums around the world. Through a collaboration of IBM, the New York Hall of Science, and the Association of Science-Technology Center, TryScience offers interactive exhibits, multimedia adventures, and hands-on science activities that children, parents and teachers can do.

"Mars Encounter," ongoing. This hands-on exhibit is designed to show what the planet Mars is like. Included is a 4-foot tactile Mars globe complete with craters and canals, a Martian meteorite, a Martian So-I-R, a Mars Mission Control where visitors can find out current and past missions, a Mars quiz game, a virtual vacation on Mars and a play area for the younger crowd.

"Saturn Exhibit," ongoing. Explore the rings of Saturn and its moons in a hands-on interactive model and display. Learn what we can expect from the Cassini mission, which will arrive at Saturn in the summer of 2004.

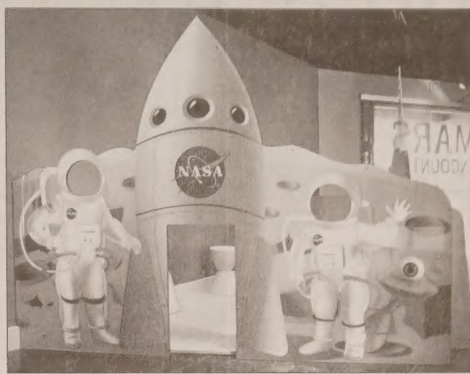
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Center Admission: \$11 general; \$8 seniors and youths ages 4 to 12; free children ages 3 and under. Planetarium or Megadome Theater: \$6 general, \$5 seniors and youths ages 4 to 12; free children ages 3 and under. Through Sept. 6: Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. 510-336-7300 or www.chabotspace.org

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PUPPET SHOWS — All shows are at the Open Storybook Theatre. They perform Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Free with regular Fairyland admission.

OPENING — "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," July 16 through Sept. 7. The story of a piper hired to lead mice away from a town overrun by them. When the mayor refuses to pay the piper he leads the children away to play. The townspeople miss their children so much they demand the piper be paid. CLOSING — "The Town Mouse and The

Country Mouse," through July 15. The antics of two mouse cousins who live very different lives. On a visit the city mouse convinces the country cousin to see the big town, after which the other decides there is no place like home.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE — Shows at 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
"Alice Through the Looking Glass," July 10 and July 11.
"Baba Yaga and the Magical Geese," July 17 and July 18.

SPECIAL EVENTS — "Fairland Interactive Family Workshop," July 10 and July 11, 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Discover the five senses with Mad Science.

"Insect Songs," July 10 and July 11, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sandi and Steve sing songs about living in harmony with bugs.

"KQED Weekend," July 17 and July 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Meet Clifford the Dog. Blake Maxam, July 17 and July 18, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER — Activities, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 3 p.m.

\$6 general includes unlimited rides, special shows, guest entertainers and puppet shows; free children under age 1; \$2 for a Magic Key. No adult admitted without a child and no child admitted without an adult. Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting. 699 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. 510-452-2299 or www.fairyland.org

CODY'S FOURTH STREET — "Preschool Story Time," Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Free. Sunday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. 1730 Fourth St., Berkeley. 510-559-9500 or www.codysbk.com

CRAB COVE VISITOR CENTER — At Crab Cove, you can see live underwater creatures and go into the San Francisco Bay from land. You can also travel back in time to Alameda's past. The goal is to increase understanding of the environmental importance of the San Francisco Bay and ocean ecosystem. The Indoor Aquarium and Exhibit Lab is one of the largest indoor aquariums in the East Bay.

"Concerts at the Cove," July 9, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Featuring the Bob Claire Orchestra.

"Awesome Arthropods," July 10, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Learn who is an arthropod and discover what it takes to be one.

"Special Topics Nature Series," July 11, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Discover the hidden treasures of the San Francisco Bay with photographer Dennis Anderson.

"Sea Siblings," July 13, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon. This event is for children ages 3 to 5 and a friend or sibling who is between the ages of 1 to 5 years old. The theme of this event is "Sun Fun." Registration required.

"Birds Around Us," July 17, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn about birds on a guided walk, nature game and slide show.

"Nature Fun-Time Series," July 17 through Aug. 29. Learn about sharks and whales and other inhabitants of the bay and hear water tales. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Free unless otherwise noted; parking fee may be charged. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. 510-521-6887 or www.ebparks.org

DUNSMUIR HOUSE AND GARDENS HISTORIC ESTATE — Through September. Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 50-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion. Open to the public the first Sunday of every month.

Docent-led Tours, through Sept. 25. Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to noon. \$5 general; \$4 seniors; free children ages 13 and under.

ESTATE GROUNDS — The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public. Free Self-Guided Grounds Tour booklets are available at Dinkelspiel House. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

FAMILY SUNDAY — Through September. Bring a picnic and enjoy mansion tours and entertainment on select Sundays. Entertainment is at 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Mansion tours are at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. \$5 general; \$4 seniors and juniors ages 14 to 16; free children ages 13 and under.

Dunsmuir House and Gardens Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. 510-615-5555 or www.dunsmuir.org

HABITAT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM — A museum especially for children ages 7 and younger. Highlights include "WaterWorks," an area with some unusual water toys, an Infant Tree for babies, a garden especially for toddlers, a child-scale grocery store and cafe, and a costume shop and stage for junior thespians. The museum also features a toy lending library.

\$5 general; \$6 children ages 7 and under; free children under 12 months. Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2065 Kitredge Street, Berkeley. 510-647-1111 or www.habitat.org

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Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Ann Fields, 1516 Oak St., Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail them to afields@cctimes.com or fax them to 510-748-1680. Call 510-748-1683 if you have questions.

Children

■ **Teen Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. 531-7551.

■ Check out books from the **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library**. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. 848-0237.

■ **El Cerrito** offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3½ years meets Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. 215-4371.

■ The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. Details: 524-0821. Classes

Class

■ **St. John's Prime Timers** in Berkeley offers classes Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Classes include exercise, ceramics, copper enameling, wood working, weaving, creative writing, and tap dancing (Thursdays). Classes are ongoing and always welcome new members. There is no charge other than materials. "Seniors" over 50 are welcome. Call 510-845-6830.

■ **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**, Chapter 1294 meet 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays at the First Presbyterian Church, 3415 Barrett Ave., Richmond. Details: 510-235-0490, or 510-233-0318.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, offers theatre classes and seminars for children young and adults throughout the year including summer camps, stage craft seminars, after-school programs and theatre techniques and improvisation. All classes and seminars are taught by professionals. Details: 510-524-9132 or visit www.cccct.org.

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■ **South Berkeley Senior Center** 2939 Ellis St., offers a free aerobics, stretching, strengthening fitness class for adults 55+. The class is taught by Naomi Puro. For more information, call 510-841-5170.

Community

■ The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Soci-

ety announces its 7th Annual Bay to Barker Dog Walk and Festival on July 11 at Cesar Chavez Park in the Berkeley Marina. The event features a 1.3 mile bayside stroll, and other activities and presentations. Registration: 8:30 a.m. The walk follows at 10 a.m. Call 510-845-7735 to volunteer, ext. 11. To registration or to become a sponsor, call the Human Society at 510-845-7735 or visit the Web site at www.berkeleyhumane.org.

■ **University of California Botanical Garden** at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive, extends its usual daily hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to its Summer Twilight Hours: Open until 8:00 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. The Twilight Tour series takes advantage of the extended daylight and longer Garden hours. Enjoy a different tour every Wednesday and Thursday through Aug. 12. Pay for three different tours, get the fourth tour free. Admission: \$3 for adults \$2 for seniors 65, \$1 for Children (3-18). Free to members, UC Students, UC Faculty and staff and children under 3. \$2 for Cal Alumni Association members. Free to the public every Thursday. Details and tour registration: 510-643-2755, www.botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu.

■ **World Food Festival** at the Saturday Berkeley Farmers' Market will feature Cuisine of India on Saturday, July 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cooking demonstration by Kusuma Sheth of Shakti Foods, presentation on the Greening of Ethnic Restaurants project of Thimmakka's Resources for Environmental Education by Executive Director, Ritu Primalani. Chef demonstration starting at 11 a.m. Free. Center Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley. 510-548-3333; www.ecologycenter.org.

■ Prospect Sierra School, 960 Avis Drive in El Cerrito, offers "Community Country Dance" Contra, circle, and couple dances from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. An intro class is offered at 7:30 p.m. All dances are done to live fiddle music and prompted by caller, Kirston Koths. No partners are required. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$10. Wear clean, no marking shoes. For more information, call 510-233-7929.

■ **The Berkeley City Club** and the Landmark Heritage Foundation, are dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the legacy of Julia Morgan. Take a free docent-led tour of the Berkeley City Club on the fourth Sunday of each month except December, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Tours are free; donations are welcome. The Berkeley City Club is located at 2315 Durant Avenue (two blocks west of Telegraph Avenue). For group reservations or more information, call 510-848-7800 or 510-883-9710.

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth** support group meets quarterly from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Albany Library, 1247 Marine Ave. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. For more information, call Gail Whitehouse at 408-425-5629.

■ **The Judah L. Magnes Museum**, 2911 Russell St., presents the exhibit "Brought to Light: The Storied Collections of the Judah L. Magnes Museum" through April 25. Hours: Open Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Jewish and federal holidays. Admission is free. For more information, call 510-549-6950.

■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. 845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalue.net.

■ **Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda,



Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**, Chapter 1294 — 7:15-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. First Presbyterian Church, 3415 Barrett Ave., Richmond. 510-235-0490, 510-233-0318.

■ **Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design, on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. 642-0808.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. 525-5231.

■ **Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

■ **Civil Rights activists** needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

■ **"Work Buddies"**, volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 844-8292.

Exhibits

■ **Judah L. Magnes Museum**, 2911 Russell St., continues its exhibit "A Voice Silenced," through Sept. 19. The exhibition, by Diane Neumaier, is in memory of Leonore Schwarz Neumaier. Gallery hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday

through Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call 510-549-6950 or visit the Web site at www.magnes.org.

■ **"Reiko Juiji,"** a Sparkle on the Ancestral Sea of Time, a MFA graduate exhibition, takes place from July 8 to 15, at the Arts and Consciousness Gallery, 2956 San Pablo Ave. Gallery hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. A reception: from 2 to 5 p.m. July 11. Call 510-649-0499 for more information.

■ **University of California, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive**. 2626 Bancroft Way, near UC campus, continues its 34th annual UC Berkeley Master of Fine Arts Graduate exhibition through Aug. 29. Gallery Hours: Wednesday to Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: general admission \$8; seniors and students 12 to 18 years \$5; BAM/PFA members, UC Berkeley students, staff and faculty and children under 12 free. For more information, call 24-hour recorded message 510-642-0808.

■ **The El Cerrito Art Association** — an organization where local artists can share interests — meets at 7:30 p.m. June 14, in the El Cerrito Community Center Garden Room, 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information, call 510-559-7000.

■ **The Free Speech Movement Cafe** at the Moffitt Undergraduate Library, UC Berkeley presents "The Legacy of Social Protest — We Hold The Rock" an exhibition of the "Alcatraz Indian Occupation" featuring photographs by like Hartmann and Michelle Vignes. Text by Troy R. Johnson, PhD. Coordinated and curated by Harold Adler. Through September. The Free Speech Movement Cafe, Cafe is wheelchair accessible. This is the fourth exhibition in a series dealing with free speech, civil rights, and social protest movements of the '60s and '70s in California. Sponsored by the Bancroft Library.

■ **Paintings by Judy Pold** are on exhibit at The Albatross Pub's Art Gallery, 1822 San Pablo Ave. The gallery is open Sunday through Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Wednesday through Saturday 4:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Samples of Najarian's artwork may be viewed at www.albatrosspub.com. For more information, call 510-843-2473.

Film/dance/stage

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, presents "My Fair Lady" Lerner and Loew's "lovely" musical based on Shaw's "Pygmalion." July 9-Aug. 14 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and selected Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$12-20. Contra Costa Civic Theatre, (510) 524-9132. www.cccct.org.

■ **Learn easy international folk dances**, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience needed. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2, kids \$1. Details: 525-1130.

■ **Friday Night Folk Dancing**: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

■ **Family Folkdancing** takes place the third Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 632-3713.

■ **Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. Details: Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

Hired home

VISITORS TO THE Lawrence Hall of Science on Sunday, July 18, can meet the goats that prevent fires by grazing Bay Area hills at Goat Fest, held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. as part of the Bay Family Day. Music, goats to pet and goat-related activities. The Lawrence Hall of Science is on Centennial Drive in the Berkeley hills. It is just above the UC Botanical Gardens. Information: 510-845-5132.

Health

■ **YWCA Health and Community Education** offers classes in yoga, martial arts and more. YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-58-\$10.

Learning

■ **Berkeley Adult School** offers classes from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesdays at the St. John's Center, 2727 College Ave. Classes include materials and firing charges are included. Lunch is offered at a minimal charge. For more information, call Diana B. at 525-5497.

■ **St. John's Prime Timers** Senior Center in Berkeley offers classes in exercise, hand-built ceramics, copper enameling, wood working, creative writing and tap dancing. Line speakers on matters of current events and travel slide presentations are monthly. Classes are on-going. New members and seniors over 50 are welcome. Lunch and friendly conversation are offered at a minimal charge. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Avenue, Berkeley. Call 845-6830 for time and schedule.

■ **Beginning Internet Workshops** place at the El Cerrito Library, 6811 Stockton Ave. Learn the basics of internet mouse skills, email, web searching, and the library's on-line catalog databases. Classes are free of charge. Alternate Saturday mornings from 11 a.m. Call 510-526-7512 to sign up.

■ **The Albany Library**, 1247 Marine Ave., offers free, ongoing chess instruction. Tuesdays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lessons range from fundamental to advanced topics, and also casual play. This program is led by David Puro, who holds the Senior Master title, one of the top chess players and teachers in California. All levels are welcome and chess sets are provided. Call Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 1.

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Senior Employment offers a program for income-eligible 65 and older living in Oakland, Berkeley and Albany. Earn while you learn. Interested in working? You can receive college credit for your work. Details: 845-484-5289 before 9 p.m.

Morgan Center for the Arts, 2727 College Ave., offers family-friendly classes, workshops and activities aimed at bringing arts participation into everyday lives. Details: 845-484-5289 before 9 p.m.

Berkeley Adult School offers classes in Education, High School Diploma Requirement classes, Educational Development classes which can be used toward a GED certificate, and Preparatory US Citizenship classes. The school is free. BAS also offers, for an additional fee, a variety of vocational and introductory and advanced classes. Details: 644-6130.

Bay Area Community Media, Channel 58, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to help BCM to the public are held every 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Marston Ave., Berkeley. Details: 848-484-5289 before 9 p.m.

Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., offers classes ranging from Afro-Cuban Dances of India, to the Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and to the Coast Swing. Ashkenazi is a non-dance and dance community center. Details: 845-484-5289 before 9 p.m.

Swing and Jitterbug, 7 p.m. classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; and dance classes beginning the day of the month; Finnish Wood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley. Details: 845-484-5289 before 9 p.m.

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Literary events

First Thursdays and Second Saturdays at the Albany Library. Thursdays include an Open Mic and a Poetry Reading. The July event is on July 1, from 7-9 p.m. in the Edith Stone Room, and it features poet Laureate, Sonoma County poet laureate, Sonoma County poet laureate, Sonoma County poet laureate.

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Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. 268-4995.

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Powerhounds, a ski, snowboard and social club meet the second Tuesdays, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Oakland Hilton, Amelia restaurant, 1 Hegenberger Rd., and fourth Tuesdays 7 to 9 p.m. at Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-769-7669 or visit the Web site at www.powerhounds.com.

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St. John's Prime Timers meet on Tuesday mornings at 2727 College Ave. Sharon Stalkfield will speak about her ministry to four local nursing homes at 11 a.m. Dec. 16. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 510-845-6830.

Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., presents poetry events: First Thursdays include Open Mike and Featured Poet sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. Second Wednesdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops, for all ages. Second Saturdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops for grades 4-8. All three events are free and on-going. Light refreshments will be served. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 20 for more information.

Storytelling for Adults, a group of storytellers, and listeners, who love to listen to stories, to keep the oral tradition alive, meet from 7 to 8:45 p.m. on the first Thursday each month at the Claremont Branch, Berkeley Public Library, 1940 Benevue, at Ashby. Free. 610-644-6880; or 525-1533.

The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge St. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability who requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading



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Leap of faith ... in elastic

RAY ELK, 38, plunges off a 13-story-high platform into free-fall with only an elastic cord attached to his ankles and waist Saturday at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton. The cost? A mere \$35. The fair will continue through Sunday, July 11; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton. Cost is \$9, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children ages 6-12. Parking \$8. Information: Visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com or call 925-426-7600.

Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

The El Cerrito Toastmasters offers basic public speaking and leadership activities and programs. Speakers of all skill levels are invited to come, observe and participate. Meetings occur every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information contact Jim Bruce at jim@peachpit.com.

Kol Hadash, the Bay Area's only Jewish Humanistic Congregation, with more than 110 family members from around the Bay Area, meets on the fourth Friday of each month for a regular Shabbat (Sabbath), every other month on a Saturday for a Family Shabbat. The group holds Sunday school classes two Sundays a month, celebrates all the major Jewish holidays and holds special events from time to time. Location: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. 428-1492.

Miscellany

UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, presents a Twilight Tour "Don't Water the Natives," from 5:30 to 7 p.m. July 7. The tour takes advantage of the extended daylight and longer garden hours. Admission: \$17, \$12 members. For more information, call 510-643-2755 or visit botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu.

St. John's Prime Timers in Berkeley offers ongoing classes at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Classes include exercises, ceramics, copper enameling, woodworking, weaving, creative writing, and tap dancing (Thurs-

days). New members are always welcome, especially seniors over 50. Call 845-6830 for more information.

The Center for Independent Living announces its newly created **Asian Outreach Program** to assist Asian individuals with disabilities, particularly new immigrants. Providing services and advocacy in Cantonese, Vietnamese, and English, program staff are culturally sensitive and knowledgeable of community and government service available to individuals with disabilities. For more information, call CIL at 510-763-9999.

Friendship Circle, a Jewish club for older adults, meet 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Oakland Senior Center, 2200 Grand Ave. The club is an outreach program of Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. Activities include day trips, Jewish holiday celebrations, theater outings, entertainment, speaker and much more. Call Maria at 848-0237 ext. 115 for details.

Improve your speaking skills by attending **Berkeley Communicators' Toastmaster** meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15 a.m. at Vault's Cafe, 3250 Adeline St. Call 527-2337 for more information.

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Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more details call R. DeRiti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For details, call 889-2547 or 643-7645.

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Center, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Details: 526-9146 or 547-1969.

Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

Toastmasters: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for more information.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the

English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

"Voices of Healing" is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

State Health Toastmasters meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10-1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment: 7 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 415-461-5337; \$20.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS: 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage Ave. at Marin; Mary, 526-3711.

Music

Berkeley Opera presents *Bat Out of Hell* (David Scott Marley's adaptation of Johann Strauss Jr.'s Die Fledermaus) July 16, 17, 23, 24 at 8 p.m. and July 18, 25 at 2 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: \$40 adults, \$15 children 17 and under, \$10 student rush tickets, \$35 seniors. Call 925-798-1300.

Another Planet Entertainment presents *Sarah McLachlan Butterfly Boucher* at 8 p.m. July 10 at the Greek Theatre at UC-Berkeley, at 10 a.m. July 16. Admission: \$69.35, \$49.35. For more information, call 510-548-3010 work.

Jazz Mine will be performing every Friday from 6:30-9:30 at King Tsin Chinese Restaurant, 1699 Solano Ave. in Berkeley.

Jazzschool, 2087 Addison St., Berkeley, hosts *Sunday Night Jam Sessions* every Sunday, 7:30-10 p.m. Instrumentalists and vocalists welcome to sit in. Free. Call 510-845-5373 or swing@jazzschool.com.

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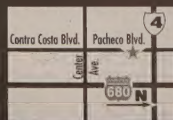
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The city purchased the prop-
erty in 2002 with a \$350,000
grant from the California State
Water Conservancy and \$50,000
in city funds.

That grant requires that the
property remain as open space, with
restored creek and an exten-
sion of the Ohlone Greenway,
the city said.

In December 2003, the
Water Conservancy authorized
an additional \$100,000 for the
project. That money is being
used to create a final creek
restoration and trail plan and
restoration documents. It will
be used to create a main-
tenance and management plan
for Cerrito Creek and other creeks
throughout the city.

The latest \$492,000 grant was
authorized in June by the state
Water Resources Control Board.
A community meeting about the
project will be held in August.



MARYANN ABERG/2000

SOON TO BE restored with a grant of nearly \$500,000 from the state Water Resources Control Board is the so-called Gateway Property at San Pablo and Macdonald avenues on the El Cerrito-Richmond border.

Officials are anxious to im-
prove the city's "gateways" on
the southern and northern end
of the city.

Those efforts have resulted in
a Cerrito Creek restoration on
the southern end of the El Cer-
rito Plaza, on the Albany border.
Some residents have criticized

that project as little more than a
landscaping project that doesn't
live up to creek restoration stan-
dards.

The city is learning from its
mistakes, said Heather Koch, the
city's community development
analyst.

"Most cities have a huge

learning curve about these pro-
jects," Koch said. "The fact that
we've worked on Cerrito Creek
will only benefit work we've done
there (at Baxter Creek)."

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Antennas

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have no "significant" im-
pact on the neighborhood.

The amount of electromag-
netic radiation generated by the
antennas is about 10 percent of
the Federal Communica-
tions Commission allows, said
MetroPCS consultant Peter Pol-
son.

Planning commission vice
president Jennifer Lowe questioned
health effects.

Polson said some studies
showed there was a "slight in-
crease" of cancer rates for peo-
ple who were exposed to the
radiation over their life-spans.
However, he added, subse-
quent studies were unable to con-
firm the findings.

The total power output given
by one of these antennas is
about 1 watt, Polson said. "It's
not like an eight-watt cell-
phone."

Residents remained deeply
skeptical.

Rockway Avenue resident Al-
isa Crovetti said the antenna
would be located 175 feet away
from her home, virtually in her
back yard.

She acknowledged the
amount of radiation was very
small but that the long-term ef-
fects have not been adequately
studied.

She worried about the long-
term effect of the radiation on
her two children. She compared
it to placing a child alone in a
room with a microwave for 10
years.

"I wouldn't have bought my
house if I knew this structure was
out there," she said.

Residents complain

Others echoed Crovetti's com-
plaints. They said schools were
an inappropriate place for the an-
tennas and complained about the
school district making business
deals with the cell phone com-
pany.

Residents said the decision to
approve the permit should be put
off until high school faculty, stu-

dents and parents are back from
summer vacation.

"There must be a less intru-
sive place for this antenna," said
Rockway Avenue resident Wendy
Holmes.

The school district approved a
lease agreement for the anten-
nas at its April 22 meeting, said
Patrick Cruzen, who works in
site acquisition for MetroPCS.

Other sites were sought for
the antennas, including St. Je-
rome Church and Sunset View
Cemetery, said MetroPCS rep-
resentative Maryann Miller. Those
sites would not have provided the
cell phone coverage the company
was looking for, she said.

Since 2000, eight or nine cell
phone antennas have been ap-
proved and all but two have been
installed in various places in the
city, said Planning Manager Jen-
nifer Carman.

Collecting information

The planning commission
opted to collect more informa-
tion and continue its discussion
at its August meeting. City plan-

ning staff will bring the com-
mission two resolutions at its Au-
gust meeting — one for approval
of the MetroPCS plan, the other
for denial.

The FCC prohibits cities from
denying cell phone antennas
based on concerns about the elec-
tromagnetic waves, if the antenna
complies with FCC guidelines.

However, the commission
could deny the permit based on
other factors, such as whether it
fits in with the neighborhood
character.

Lowe initially wanted to deny
the permit.

"I have grave concerns about
taking a public school and leas-
ing it out for commercial use,"
she said.

Commissioner David Brandt
was skeptical.

"We can certainly deny it,"
Brandt said. "Whether that de-
nial would be held up in court is
another matter."

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Council

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Wood said a lot of thought
went into how the money
would be divided up. And, he
wanted to see func-
tional city buildings. He ac-
knowledged that not everyone
would go home happy with the
plan.

At the ballot said

However, Councilman Allan
Wood questioned whether spend-
ing money followed the spirit of
the ballot measure. During the
meeting, he read from the ballot
measure which emphasized
recreation, recreation, pavement
traffic and other city pro-
jects.

Wood said he believed the

The ballot language reads in part: "In order
to repair and improve recreational
facilities; prepare fire, police and other city
services and buildings for earthquakes and
other disasters through retrofit or
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language did allow for the ex-
pansion project.

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Maris also said he believed
the City Hall and public safety
project could go over the es-
timated cost.

"I think \$6.5 million could eas-
ily become \$10 million," Maris
said. He added: "To me it's too
early to approve this."

The council opted to postpone
the decision until its July 26
meeting. The question of whether
the spending plan follows the
language of the ballot will be
given to "bond counsel," an at-
torney that advises the city about
the bond measure.

Said Thomsen: "I do believe
because of the wording, we do
need to verify this with bond
counsel."

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Suit alleges Alameda County fails to provide for disabled

By Guy Ashley
STAFF WRITER

A class-action lawsuit filed
Wednesday against Alameda
County and its Social Services
Agency says thousands of people
are illegally denied food stamps
and general assistance each year
because they are not identified as
having mental disabilities.

The lawsuit, filed in federal
court in San Francisco, says the
county violates the Americans
with Disabilities Act and state dis-
ability and welfare laws by fail-
ing to provide "reasonable ac-
commodations" to beneficiaries
with mental disabilities. The plain-
tiffs say this failure leaves thou-
sands without money for food,
shelter and basic necessities.

"If you have a mental disabil-
ity, are chronically homeless, and
you are kicked off of General As-
sistance, you often have nowhere
else to turn," said Steve Ronfeldt,
an Oakland attorney for the
plaintiffs.

A key problem identified in
the suit is that the county mostly
requires welfare applicants to
identify themselves as having a
mental disability. If they do not,
they must go without exemptions
for work requirements, or spe-
cial assistance in obtaining and
maintaining a job.

This method can fall short, the
suit says, because applicants of-
ten don't know they have men-
tal disabilities, don't understand
how their disability may affect
their access to benefits or don't
report their disability for fear of
being stigmatized.

That almost invariably sends
an applicant into trouble, the
plaintiffs assert, because the tasks
involved in maintaining eligibil-
ity for general assistance and food
stamps prove too difficult.

"It's a vicious cycle," said
Kevin Knestruck, a lawyer for
Disability Rights Advocates also
representing the plaintiffs.

One requirement cited in the
suit is a lengthy eligibility report
beneficiaries must give the So-
cial Services Agency if they are
deemed "employable." Because
their disabilities were not identi-
fied when they applied for assis-

tance, these people are expected
to meet the exhaustive reporting
requirements but cannot.

The suit names Alameda
County residents Frank Santos,
Diane Qualls and Rebecca John-
son as plaintiffs. All three say
they are mentally disabled and
have been wrongly cut off from
general assistance payments of
\$336 a month or from its food
stamp program.

Knestruck said he believes up
to 4,000 people had benefits end
last year because they either did
not fulfill work requirements or
failed to properly fill out eligibil-
ity forms. He said up to half were
hampered by mental disabilities
in fulfilling these requirements.

About 5,000 people now re-
ceive general assistance benefits
in Alameda County.

Sylvia Myles, a spokeswoman
for the county's Social Services
Agency, said identifying those with
mental disabilities is a thorny issue
for those who screen applicants.

Myles said Alameda, like
many other counties, relies
largely on self-identification be-
cause other methods have proved
difficult — and have spawned
suits by people who deem the
methods too invasive.

"There's an issue of how far
do you go with a person who
wants to keep this information
to themselves, who doesn't want
to self-identify," Myles said.

In Contra Costa County, ap-
licants are required to undergo an
evaluation called a "brief symp-
tom inventory" that is designed to
detect psychological problems.

If the screening detects pos-
sible problems, a second is done
by mental health experts, said
Kareen Morgan, manager of
Contra Costa's general assistance
program.

Myles said Alameda County
considered a similar screening
tool but opted against it. She says
the suit reflects ongoing dis-
agreements between the county
and disability rights advocates.
She said a 1998 suit resulted in
a settlement in which the county
agreed to provide assistance to
welfare beneficiaries with phys-
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Bradshaw

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The finance director and city clerk jobs may be filled soon. The city will give offers for the two positions next week, said City Manager Scott Hanin.

"We look forward to having the bodies back," Hanin said.

Applicants for city jobs typically go through a standard hiring process. Qualified applicants are first screened by a panel or two, composed of about three people, who may or may not work for the city.

The applicant is then interviewed by their potential boss and possibly another city employee.

Bradshaw was hired after being interviewed by Hanin. Bradshaw is now overseeing the city's maintenance, engineering and recycling divisions.

"We're real happy that Jerry's here and so far real happy with the decision," Hanin said.

He's been on the job for about a month and is making around \$10,565 a month, about what previous public works manager Dan Clark was earning, Hanin said.

Before coming to El Cerrito, Bradshaw spent 12 years working for San Bruno, with six of those years as the director of city engineering and three as the director of operations and maintenance.

Hanin liked that Bradshaw was so experienced and spent so much time in one city. It shows stability, he said.

San Bruno also faces similar issues as El Cerrito, such as de-



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

JERRY BRADSHAW previously worked in San Bruno as the director of city engineering and as the director of operations and maintenance.

velopment in areas that are already built out.

Bradshaw, 51, said the new position is a promotion from his old job, in that he'll be overseeing an entire department instead of just one division. And he will be working closer to Concord, where he lives with his wife of 27 years.

"There's some differences but

it's structured similarly in that public works is a separate department in both cities," said Bradshaw, comparing El Cerrito and San Bruno public works departments. "So it was a pretty natural move over here."

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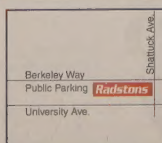
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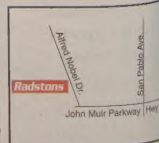
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Section B



LIVING ROOM of the Maybeck-designed home at 53 Domingo St. in Berkeley has a fireplace made of a special concrete with white marble sand.

Berkeley home has moving past

Domingo Street
place originally stood
in town

DENNIS EVANOSKY
SECTION EDITOR

The five-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath Dutch Colonial Residence at 53 Domingo St. in Berkeley is an object lesson in

home once stood on Bushnell Place, over a mile away. Bushnell Place, in turn, has been absorbed by Spruce Street, which began at Virginia Street just west of Bushnell.

According to the blueprints the house was located "214.48 feet west of Hearst Avenue." It was

moved to Domingo Street in the Claremont in 1962.

Architect Bernard Maybeck built the home for the Hunt family in 1915. In 1914, Pennsylvania State University professor John Forsyth Hunt arrived in Berkeley with his wife, Juniata, son, Theodor and daughter, Marion. Hunt had accepted the post at the University of California as the College of Agriculture dean.

The Hunts bought property near the campus on Bushnell Place. According to Mark Wilson, author of "A Living Legacy: Historic Architecture of the East Bay," Bushnell Place was one of nine tract developments in the area just north of Hearst Avenue. The street already boasted some prestigious residents.

Martin Kellogg, who served as university president until 1899, had lived here. In fact, Bushnell Place witnessed the end of Kellogg's tenure. "The closing event in the commencement week was President Martin Kellogg's reception to the graduating class," said the May 18, 1899 edition of the San Francisco Examiner.

"This reception was held yesterday evening at the Kellogg residence on Bushnell Place. It marked the close of Professor Kellogg's career as president as well as the going of the class of '99 out into the world. The entire faculty and nearly all the new graduates were present."

The Hunts turned to Maybeck to design and build a home for them. A man at the top of his profession,

Real Estate Spotlight:

Lofty living spaces in Emeryville



SARAH TAPP

The renovated 7,000 square foot Emeryville warehouse conceals the unexpected luxury of a 4,500 square-foot, two-bedroom, two-bath loft with two additional attached 1,200-square-foot lofts that can be used as professional spaces, in-law units, or rentals. Artistry in this loft's design is most apparent in the refinement of detailing. The kitchen functions as an open arena for cooking, entertaining and lounging, while private bedroom areas are provided.

A prominent glass wall separates an indoor lap pool from the living/dining/entertaining zone. Other features include a media room with state-of-the-art media equipment, a library/work area with built-in desk and cabinets, and interior parking with extra storage. Abundant space, polished concrete floors, maple cabinets, open passageways, natural light in the sun-washed garden, hand-made tiles in the outdoor court and natural light flooding the loft from each room's skylights all add to the grand urban space.

Price: \$2,950,000.

Agents: Leif Jenssen, Jose Fernandez and Sara Garabedian at Red Oak Realty 510-280-2188, or see www.vallejojstreetloft.com.

Maybeck came well recommended. He had designed homes and buildings not only in the East Bay and San Francisco, but it places as far away as Fresno and Ukiah. Perhaps the Hunts had gone to Dwight Way and Bowditch Street in Berkeley to admire Maybeck's sublime First Church of Christ, Scientist.

According to Kenneth Cardwell, author of "Bernard Maybeck: Artist, Architect, Artist," Maybeck began his career in 1892 remodeling and redesigning his own home at Grove (Martin Luther King, Jr. Way) and Berryman streets. When he met Dean Hunt in 1914, Maybeck could tell him he had taught at the

university. He could also speak of his portfolio with almost 100 buildings. His work included the Charles Keeler house — just up the hill from Bushnell Place — and Charles Boynton's Temple of the Wings. Maybeck had also worked with Phoebe Hearst at Wynton.

He had just designed the Pacific Lumberman's Association's House of Hoo Hoo and the Livestock Pavilion for the upcoming Panama Pacific International Exposition. His designs for the exposition also included what Cardwell calls "the best-known, most-photographed and (best)-documented of Maybeck's buildings": the Palace of Fine Arts.

Maybeck was already familiar with Bushnell Place. He had written about it in 1906 in his booklet "Hillside Building." He describes an ideal setting with "long, restful lines, big, quiet masses . . . long avenues of trees with houses back from roads, hidden behind foregrounds of shrubbery. Bushnell Place is such a one."

A look at a 1923 aerial map shows Bushnell Place with its "long avenue of trees"; trees mercifully spared by the fire that ravaged the neighborhood Sept. 17, 1923.

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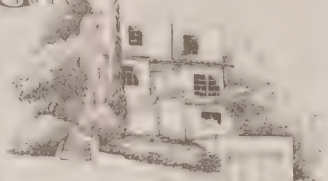
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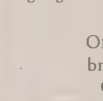
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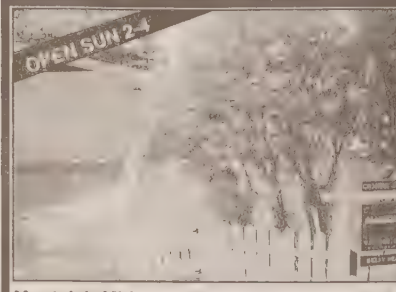
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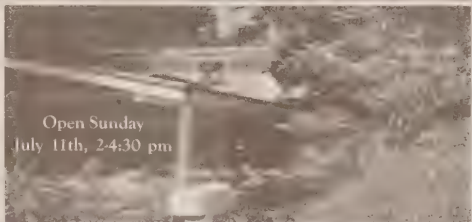
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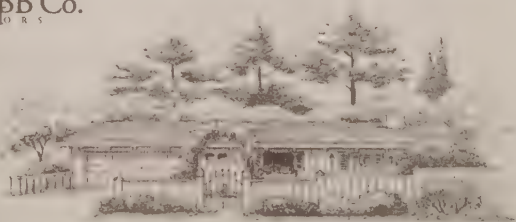
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53 DOMINGO ST. VITAL STATISTICS

What: A Bernard Maybeck-designed Dutch Colonial Revival home in Berkeley's Claremont District.
Size: Approximately 3,637 square feet on 5,800 square-foot lot
Bedrooms: Five
Bathrooms: Three full baths and one half bath
Features: Renowned architect Bernard Maybeck built this home for Thomas Forsyth Hunt, the dean of the College of Agriculture, in 1915. The home originally stood on Bushnell Place; it was moved to Domingo Street in 1962. Maybeck dressed the home in elegant details that include an entrance portico with two shingled blocks with classic balusters, interior walls with alternating boards of redwood and ponderosa pine, French doors between the entry, living room, dining room and study, a fireplace and a stairway with a railing of turned spindles.
Price: \$1,799,000
Agents: Julie Lehman and Jay Lean, Prudential California Realty, 510-845-0211



THE HUNT HOME
 1800 SPRUCE ST.
 time the house was moved to Domingo Street, the house was moved to Domingo Street in 1962, Bushnell Place has been absorbed into Spruce Street.

Domingo

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Maybeck's use of "Dutch colonial overtones" puzzles Cardwell. Perhaps, he says, the style can be attributed to the fact that Professor Hunt and his family were recent arrivals from the Atlantic Coast. In fact, Juniata's father, John D. Camp-



BERNARD MAYBECK

bell, was born in 1830 in Delaware County, New York. Delaware County lies in the heart of the Catskill Mountains. The Dutch were the first Europeans to settle the region and, indeed, gave the mountains their name. Perhaps Juniata wanted something that reminded her of her childhood.

The family asked Maybeck to do something that went against that ideal he described in his booklet. Rather than setting the house back from the road, Maybeck set it "close to the street to reserve the rear of the site for a tennis court," Cardwell says.

Juniata's father, John D. Campbell, was born in 1830 in Delaware County, New York. Delaware County lies in the heart of the Catskill Mountains. The Dutch were the first Europeans to settle the region and, indeed, gave the mountains their name. Perhaps Juniata wanted something that reminded her of her childhood.

Maybeck fitted the entrance portico between two shingled blocks with classic balusters in a railing above. He finished the home's interior walls with alternating boards of redwood and ponderosa pine, separated by a narrow strip stained deep blue. He stenciled a Greek fret of the same blue on the boards. He presented the base and cornice moldings in enameled white.

French doors separate the entry, living room, dining room and study. In the dining room where the china closets match the doors, they are glazed with mirrors.

Maybeck finished the fireplace in a special concrete made with white marble sand. Classic mutules support the wooden mantel. "The stairway has an open stringer, and its railing of turned spindles ends in a swirl caging the newel post," Cardwell says. He finds the verve with which Maybeck executed the design of the stairway admirable.

Upstairs are four bedrooms, two baths and a master suite. The home's lower level has a bedroom with bath and laundry facilities.

The 1920 census shows Dean Hunt and Juniata at home with their two children; a daughter-in-law and a granddaughter have joined the family. Hunt died in 1928. The current owners have lived in the home for 39 years.

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209 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New listing! 2 bdrms, 1 bath. Best neighborhood near Albany border, BART, Plaza and Fat Apples. Charming living room with corner fireplace. Formal dining room with direct access to yard. Eat-in kitchen with access to attached garage. **Gertrude Villanueva, 524-9888 x42, \$450,000**



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Lots

Perth Place

Seclusion and quietude describe this extra large lot in Claremont Heights. Use your imagination and build your dream home! Lot is approximately 73,181 square feet and is located at the end of Perth Place cul-de-sac in the Berkeley/Oakland Hills. Views. **Jean Auka, 524-9888 x16, \$475,000**



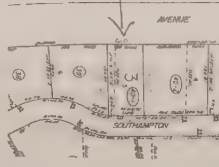
1119 Hillview Rd., Berkeley Open Sunday, 2:00 - 5:00

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5807 Fleming Av - \$440,000
 988 Franklin 327 - \$308,000
 132 Frisbie St - \$473,000
 468 Hanover Av - \$700,000
 259 Helen 1 - \$369,000
 6350 Hillmont Dr - \$450,000
 6255 Hilton St - \$270,000
 7850 Holly St - \$349,000
 9425 Holly St - \$300,000
 404 Hudson St - \$750,000
 3228 Hyde St - \$450,000
 8107 Idlewood St - \$350,500
 1909 International - \$335,000
 595 Jean 629 - \$245,000
 1 Kelton Ct 8B - \$310,000
 532 Lagunitas Av - \$715,000
 580 Lincoln Av - \$551,500
 215 Linnett Av - \$650,000
 311 Madera Av - \$500,000
 131 Malcolm Av - \$708,000
 515 Malcolm Av - \$575,000
 57 Mandana Bl - \$610,000
 457 Margarita Av - \$505,000
 422 MLK Jr Wy - \$610,000
 312 Melrose Av - \$440,000
 701 Mokelumne - \$375,000
 143 Monticello Av - \$475,000
 305 Norfolk Rd - \$1,070,000
 11 Oak St #539 - \$415,000
 11 Oak St #713 - \$359,000
 11 Oak St #723 - \$439,000
 11 Oak St - \$609,000
 968 Oakland Av - \$275,000
 6062 Outlook Av - \$435,000
 8664 Patterson Av - \$595,000
 350 Perkins 106 - \$270,000
 9433 Pierson St - \$458,000
 924 Pine St - \$305,000

4676 Reinhardt Dr - \$702,000
 4128 Rettig Av - \$725,500
 6307 Roanoke Rd - \$715,000
 5454 Ruth Av - \$315,000
 1177 Seminary Av - \$360,000
 4955 Stoneridge Ct - \$710,000
 7200 Sunkist Dr - \$325,000
 4529 Thompson St - \$295,000
 6028 Thornhill Dr - \$620,000
 6633 Thornhill Dr - \$640,000
 906 Underhills Rd - \$900,000
 325 Vernon St #205 - \$440,000
 5467 Wadean Pl - \$317,500
 4093 Waterhouse Rd - \$620,000

1169 Wellington St - \$620,000
 934 Wood St - \$477,500
 3728 Woodruff Av - \$485,000

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127 Palm Dr - \$1,250,000

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420 19th St - \$190,000
 532 19th St - \$425,000
 757 21st St - \$340,000
 650 30th St - \$300,000

816 36th St - \$451,000
 684 7th St - \$233,500
 213 Barrett Av - \$150,000
 3009 Barrett Av - \$335,000
 1608 Bissell Av - \$255,000
 3948 Center Av - \$290,000
 3406 Clearfield - \$497,500
 5221 Colusa Av - \$660,000
 5637 Doremus Av - \$502,000
 229 Drakes Bay Ct - \$671,000
 230 Drakes Bay Ct - \$718,500
 231 Drakes Bay Ct - \$672,500
 232 Drakes Bay Ct - \$654,000
 1535 Dunn Av - \$360,500

2765 East Ct - \$265,000
 1164 Fairway Dr - \$465,000
 1516 Garvin Av - \$280,000
 5526 Garvin Av - \$490,000
 1423 Gaynor Av - \$300,000
 2411 Gaynor Av - \$350,000
 21 Harbor View Dr - \$730,000
 5732 Jefferson Av - \$250,000
 3108 Lowell Av - \$430,000
 115 Marina Wy - \$283,500
 1317 Mariposa St - \$465,000
 435 Metro Wilk - \$276,000
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 139 Murdock St - \$355,000

3348 Park Ridge Dr - \$624,500
 3350 Park Ridge Dr - \$619,000
 3352 Park Ridge Dr - \$632,500
 77 Parkridge Pl - \$375,000
 1920 Pennsylvania Av - \$206,000
 1620 Rheem Av - \$320,000
 716 Rock Rose Wy - \$579,000
 423 South 16th St - \$545,000
 1228 South 56th St - \$328,000
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728 Geiston Pl., El Cerrito

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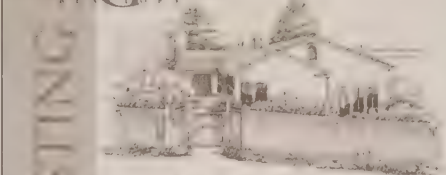
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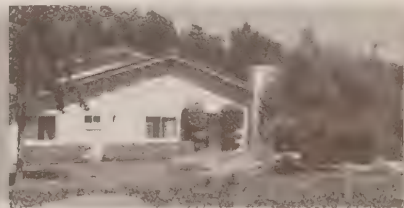
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Sales

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1000 Waverly Dr - \$484,500
5839 Yale Av - \$487,500

SAN LEANDRO

1245 139th Av - \$320,000
1266 139th Av - \$350,000
1064 143rd Av - \$407,500
1671 162nd Av - \$375,000
257 Accolade Dr - \$519,000
15685 Atlantis Av - \$580,000
268 Bowling Green - \$420,000
711 Callaway St - \$683,000
1400 Carpenter St - \$335,000
14105 Corvallis St - \$415,000
15687 Cranbrook St - \$460,000
14463 Doolittle Dr - \$330,000
780 Dowling Bl - \$415,000
426 Dutton Av - \$407,500
735 Dutton Av - \$486,000
499 Estudillo 101 - \$312,000
15221 Farnsworth - \$435,000
195 Garcia Av - \$465,000
655 Garside Ct - \$610,000
1374 Glen Dr - \$695,000
232 Lexington Av - \$405,000
1725 Pacific Av - \$449,500
16320 Panoramic - \$581,000
1523 Plaza Dr - \$390,000
14603 Saturn Dr - \$727,500
13923 School St - \$465,000
13710 Wake Av - \$439,500
14894 Wake Av - \$200,000
15335 Washington 307 - \$245,000
16179 Windsor Dr - \$430,000

SAN LORENZO

15909 Bayberry - \$500,000
667 Grant Av - \$405,000
15918 P Del Campo - \$484,000
15987 St. Johns Dr - \$445,000
15966 Via Conejo - \$426,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$385,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,235,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$688,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$688,900

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$425,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$881,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$557,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$621,167

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 17
LOWEST PRICE: \$320,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$977,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$500,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$576,235

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$386,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$820,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$649,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$624,417

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$172,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$600,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$549,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$439,813

FARMERVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$350,000

REASINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$579,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,253,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$945,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$925,667

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NEW LISTING IN CLAREMONT

OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2-4:30PM



2958 Russell Street, Berkeley

Located on one of Berkeley's favorite streets, this fabulous, light-filled 4+BR/2.5BA Claremont Traditional is the epitome of beautiful architecture. From the grand entry and staircase, through the spacious living room and dining room, to the remodeled kitchen and family room with access to rear deck and garden, one senses the quality, detail and craftsmanship that went into this gracious home.



Offered at \$1,275,000

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NEW LISTING IN MONTCLAIR

OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2-4:30PM



6319 Pinehaven Road, Oakland

Sunny and beautifully renovated 3BR/1BA cottage features large chef's kitchen with stainless appliances, granite and Wedgewood stove. Charming dining nook. Living room with beamed ceilings. New windows and French doors. Level lawn, gardens and play area.



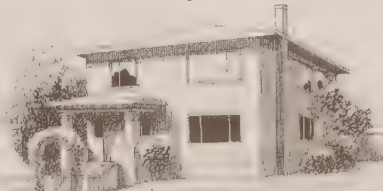
Offered at \$659,000

Donna DeBardi
SENIOR SALES ASSOCIATE
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NEW LISTING

OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2-4:30PM



178-180 Santa Clara Avenue, Oakland

Spacious, well-maintained duplex with large level yard. Lower unit has 2BR/1.5BA, formal dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen and French doors from master bedroom to deck and yard. The upper unit has 3BR/1.5BA, hardwood floors under carpet, flexible floor plan and fireplace. Each unit has its own laundry.

Offered at \$699,000



Wendy Gardner-Ferrari
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NEW LISTING!

OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2-4:30PM

5364 Hilltop Crescent, Oakland

This adorable, white colonial style home is located in sought after Upper Rockridge. With 2 bedrooms and 2 baths plus a lower level office or guest room, this home offers many possibilities. The kitchen has eat-in breakfast space and access out to the south facing yard. A detached two car garage and close proximity to excellent schools and transportation make this home very appealing.

Offered at \$685,000



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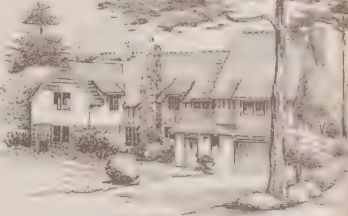


NEW MONTCLAIR LISTING

OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2-5PM

6246 Ascot Drive, Oakland

Romantic Cotswold Cottage circa 1934 that was meticulously redesigned and expanded in 1993. Magnificent 18,000+/- sq. ft. useable park-like lot complete with sparkling San Francisco Bay, Oakland, and serene tree vistas. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths



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COMING SOON IN GLENVIEW

3819 Brighton Avenue, Oakland

Sunny 3 bedroom, 1+ bath bungalow in popular Glenview. Formal dining room with built-ins, eat-in kitchen and private landscaped yard. Close to Glenview cafes and shops. Ideal location for access to commutes!



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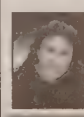
NEW LISTING!

OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2-4:30PM

1185 Keith Avenue, Berkeley

Built in 1913, this beautifully designed John Hudson Thomas home exemplifies his distinguishing architectural style. Arched windows, abundant light, serene garden views, and wood detailing give this 4+ bedroom, 3.5 bath home its unique appeal. Located next to Berkeley's only waterfall, this extraordinary home combines the best of city living in a verdant park setting.

Offered at \$1,195,000



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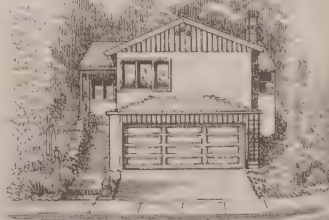


NEW GLENVIEW LISTING

OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2-4:30PM

3921 Cañon Avenue, Oakland

Adorable 1940s Bungalow. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Beautifully landscaped gardens complete with fruit trees, gazebo and hill vistas.



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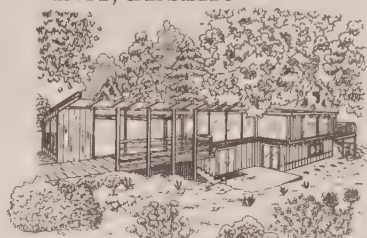
BERKELEY

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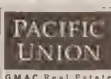
1044 KEITH AVENUE, BERKELEY

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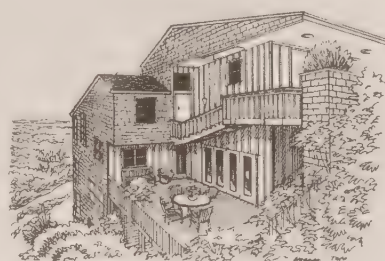
NEW LISTING ~ OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2-5PM

458 Gravatt Drive, Berkeley

Built and designed by Max Jacobson in 1995 this unique and sophisticated custom home in the prestigious Claremont Hills is full of light and open space. Beautiful hardwood floors, a freestanding galvanized steel fireplace, and decks off the kitchen, family and dining rooms are a few of the features that add to the sophistication of this wonderful home. And the fabulous views and you have the perfect home for entertaining!

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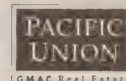
This 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath bungalow exudes the warmth and charm of the 1920's. The focal point of the home is an expansive, magical garden, overlooked by the sunny breakfast or family room, two of three bedrooms, and a detached writer's retreat. Solano Avenue's shops and eateries are nearby!



Offered at \$650,000

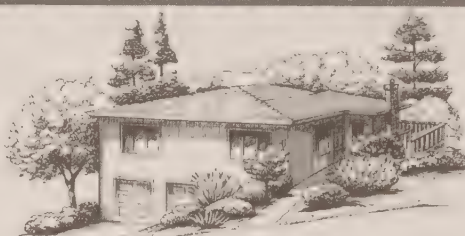


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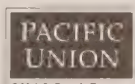
4129 39th Avenue, cross street Victor Avenue

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LAFAYETTE \$1,875,000
3666 QUAIL RIDGE RD. (Open 1-4)
Big stylish contemporary w/beautiful finishes & spectacular views. 4BR/2.5BA, endless entertaining w/pool, flat yard & large deck off kitchen. Madalyn Mitchell x1385

MONTCLAIR \$1,525,000
1704 BROADWAY TERR. (Open 2-4:30)
Spectacular sunsets & 3-bridge views. Dramatic 4+BR/4.5BA contemporary. Soaring ceilings, designer kitchen, library, secluded courtyard. Exceptional materials. David Ichikawa x1331

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,475,000
6311 CONTRA COSTA RD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Stunning 1995 3BR/2.5BA contemporary w/sweeping views. Wonderful formal rooms, chef's gourmet kitchen, Jacuzzi. Large level landscaped yard. Dee Knowland x1318

OAKLAND HILLS \$1,350,000
555 KLAMATH ST. (Open 2-4:30)
The latest Perkins/Lee creation. Stunning & chic 4BR/3.5BA contemporary w/fabulous bay views. Masterfully designed built-ins & cabinetry. David Ichikawa x1331



BERKELEY \$1,275,000
2858 RUSSELL ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Fabulous, light-filled 4+BR/2.5BA Claremont Traditional w/beautiful architectural details. Grand entry, remodeled kitchen & family room w/access to deck & garden. Leslie Avant x1341



MONTCLAIR \$1,195,000
3 SERRAMAR DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Fabulous GG/SF bay views. Custom designed 4BR/2.5BA contemporary. Quiet cul-de-sac. Study, family room, solarium. Dee Knowland x1318

BERKELEY \$1,195,000
1385 KEITH AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Beautifully designed John Hudson Thomas 1913 home w/distinguishing architectural style. 4+BR/3.5BA. Arched windows, beautiful garden. Patricia Scott Winslow 415-380-2161

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CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,175,000
458 GRAVATT DR. (Open 2-5)
New Listing! Unique & sophisticated 3+BR/3BA custom home. Beautiful hardwood floors, a freestanding galvanized steel fireplace, decks & fabulous views. Carla Buffington x1367

GRAND LAKE \$989,000
991-993 SCOTT ST. (Open 2-5)
Stately duplex. 3BR/1BA units w/FDR, fireplace, hardwood floors, individual garages. Rich architectural details. Individual basements with laundry. Lee Jacobson x1309



MONTCLAIR \$939,000
6246 ASCOT DR. (Open 2-5)
New Listing! Romantic Cotswold Cottage perfectly sited to enjoy the tranquility of your own private park. Sparkling bay views & serene tree vistas. 3BR/3BA. Teri Carlisle x1305

LEONA HEIGHTS \$849,000
5230 LEONA ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Fabulous single story custom home built in 2003. 3BR/2BA including luxurious master suite. Open floor plan w/high quality kitchen & exceptional outdoor space. Donna Costella x1355

MONTCLAIR \$819,000
6460 SHELTERWOOD DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Architecturally exciting 3BR/2.5BA contemp in wooded setting. Family rm, FDR, eat-in kit. Level garden area, deck & hot tub. Recently updated. Dana Dworin x1384

Open Sunday

MONTCLAIR \$799,000
6771 ARMOUR LN. (Open 2-4:30)
Stunning 4BR/2BA contemporary w/ open floor plan opening onto spacious deck. Updated kitchen, vaulted ceilings. Large lot. Michelle Vasey x1359

MONTCLAIR \$795,000
6771 ARMOUR DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Charming, secluded 1930 bay view home. 3BR/2BA including master suite. Hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings. Landscaped gardens & private patios. Rich Gould x1347

BERKELEY \$795,000
1044 KEITH AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Dramatic & sun-filled 5BR/3BA contemporary. Walls of glass & vaulted ceilings. Beautiful setting. Level garden. Near shopping & UC Berkeley. Jack McPhail x1336

OAKLAND HILLS \$775,000
3350 BRUNELL DR. (Open 1-5)
Reduced! Private setting, bay views. 4BR/3BA, FDR, updated kitchen, 3-car attached garage. Flexible flrpln w/in-law potential. Near Regional Parks. Jeffrey Himmel x1307



LAKESHORE \$699,000
178-180 SANTA CLARA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Spacious well-maintained duplex w/large level yard. 2BR/1.5BA lower unit w/FDR, fireplace & deck & yard. 3BR/1.5BA upper unit w/flexible floor plan & fireplace. Wendy Gardner-Ferrari x1303

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$685,000
5364 HILLTOP CRSCNT (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Adorable 2BR/2BA white colonial style home. Lower level office or guest room, eat-in kitchen, 2-car garage. Great location. Kathleen Callahan x1343

Open Sunday



MONTCLAIR \$659,000
6319 PINEHAVEN RD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Sunny 3BR cottage on level lot. New chef's kitchen. Large living rm w/fireplace & hardwood. Lovely gardens. Garage. Many upgrades. Donna DeBardi x1374



KENSINGTON \$625,000
210 AMHERST AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Beautifully re-decorated 3BR/2BA all-level home. Stunning bay, Golden Gate & Mt. Tam views. Huge expansion area. Bonnie Hirsch x1337

NORTH OAKLAND \$599,000
671 AILEEN ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Large & architecturally interesting triplex w/finished garage space. Great location convenient to Rockridge, freeways & the Berkeley Row. Tom Nemeth x1381



SAN LEANDRO \$529,000
383 WARWICK AVE. (Open 1-4)
New Listing! Classic 3BR/2BA traditional in the Broadmoor neighborhood. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, lush garden w/redwood deck & spa. Candy Benny x1328

GLENVIEW \$499,000
3921 CAÑON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Adorable 1940s Bungalow. 2BR/1.5BA. Beautifully landscaped gardens w/fruit trees, gazebo & hill vistas. Teri Carlisle x1305

Open Sunday

UPPER DIMOND \$449,000
3917 WHITTLE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Sunny split level charmer w/2BR/1.5BA. Hardwood floors, formal dining room, fireplace. Bonus room w/closets & bath. Great yard. Michelle Miller x1335



NORTH OAKLAND \$399,000
773 41ST ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Charming 2BR/1BA bungalow. Family room/kitchen, landscaped yard. 2-car garage. Detached studio. Near BART & Emeryville shopping. Teri Carlisle x1305

SAN LEANDRO \$375,000
1124 LUCILLE ST. (Open 1-4)
New Listing! 2BR/1BA Bungalow. Fresh interior paint, hardwood floors, large yard. Candy Benny x1328

By Appointment

CLAREMONT PINES \$2,850,000
Stately Normandy on privately situated approximately 2/3 acre. Large main house, guest cottage, conservatory. Views. 4BR/4.5BA. David Ichikawa x1331

Coming Soon

ALBANY \$650,000
3BR/1.5BA Bungalow w/1920s warmth & charm. Expansive, magical garden. Sunny breakfast room, family room, detached writer's retreat. Near Solano Avenue shops. Lorri Arazi x1330



UPPER LAUREL \$599,500
Serene, sun-filled 4BR/2BA home. Bay & city views from several rooms. Gorgeous master bedroom. French doors to private wooded setting & beautiful garden. Diane Earl McCan x1352

GLENVIEW \$579,000
Wonderful 3+BR/1+BA Bungalow in popular Glenview. Great details & large landscaped yard. Formal dining room w/built-ins. Hardwood flrs. Christian Downer x1340

Sales

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OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 94
LOWEST PRICE: \$200,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,070,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$435,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$465,021

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$1,250,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 45
LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$730,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$375,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$422,144

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 30
LOWEST PRICE: \$200,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$727,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$430,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$445,083

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$405,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$500,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$445,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$452,000

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New Listing



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\$1,375,000



A sampling of our current listings:



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Nestled at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, this beautifully renovated 1920's home has Edwardian charm, superb floor plan and contemporary touches. 3 br including master suite with fireplace, 2.5 baths, gourmet kitchen plus much more.
\$1,200,000



Inner Mission
Absolutely delightful Victorian row house combines turn-of-the-century charm with contemporary renovations - enjoy the best of both worlds in vibrant, hip Inner Mission. 2 br including spacious 2nd floor master suite; 2 full baths.
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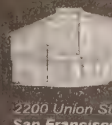
Bernal Heights
Located on a cul-de-sac on northwest side of Bernal, this fixer has loads of potential. Bring your imagination! 1 br plus loft and 2 unwarranted rooms down. Probate sale - no court confirmation required.
\$459,000



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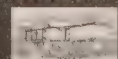
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Pending
936 Paramount Road
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Oakmore
2201 Bywood Drive

This estate-like property sold with multiple offers for well over the list price. The lovely 1930's Mediterranean with in ground pool, sweeping views, and extensive grounds was carefully prepared for sale, beautifully staged, then marketed and sold. If you are thinking of buying or selling a home, call us for more information about how you can best position yourself in today's market.



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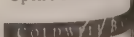
Crocker Highlands 831 Portal Ave.

Crocker Highlands at its Best! Gourmet Kitchen. Unbelievable yard, deck & patio. Four bedrooms three one half baths. This one has it all!

Offered at \$920,000

Open JULY 18

Judy Ackerman
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Looking for a new home? Don't miss this week's Open Home Guide on page B18.

JUST LISTED ~ OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30



619 Longridge Road ~ Crocker Highlands

Enjoy one-level living in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath Mid-Century home. A level lot & large deck provide great indoor-outdoor living & entertaining. Eat-in kitchen, detached studio, 2-car garage. Close to cafes, shops & transportation.



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NEW ON THE MARKET OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SUNDAY, JULY 11



ABOVE THE CLAREMONT HOTEL 1067 Siler Place

Rarely does an opportunity like this come about. This sharp & spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home nestled in the trees features a large family room, a light & bright eat-in kitchen and walls of glass that overlook the treed Claremont Hills. The large living room with dramatic fireplace flows into the spacious dining room. The reduced asking price reflects the exterior deferred maintenance needed on this lovely home. Take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Offered at \$729,000

Open to the public Sunday, July 11th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm



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231 Pacific Avenue, Piedmont

This 1930's Mediterranean home in Piedmont offers incredible indoor/outdoor living and entertaining ease with its inviting tile-laden terraces, garden, pool/spa, waterfall & cabana. Whether enjoying the outdoor amenities or an elegant fare in the formal living and dining rooms, guests will be captivated by the breathtaking San Francisco Bay views & beyond.

Offered at \$2,595,000



Karen Lum, Realtor
510 339-4776
Represented the Buyer

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JUST LISTED



432 Lester Ave.

Charming 3+ Bdrm, 2Ba. home with cozy living room and adjacent sunroom overlooking large, private backyard with fruit trees, double deck and hot tub. This house has been lovingly maintained, offers the convenience of Lakeshore and Grand Ave. shopping, the beauty of Lake Merritt, has wheelchair accessibility and a flexible floorplan-all within its own private setting on China Hill.

Offered at \$599,000



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BY APPOINTMENT

BERKELEY \$7,250,000
Magnificent John Hudson Thomas designed home. Known as the Spring Mansion includes 3 BR hse & 2 BR cottage on 3.2 acres. Tennis ct., gymnasium, fountains, grand atrium.
Kim Marienthal 510.486.1495



PIEDMONT \$5,985,000
5 BR 5+ BA Spectacular French Chateau designed in 1926 by Albert Farr. Extensively renovated, fabulous kitchen & master suite, views.
Dian Hymer 510.339.4700

MONTECLAIR \$1,199,000
3 BR 3.5 BA Medit. Bungalow w/arch details, HW, sunny kitchen opens to lovely garden, renovated bath. All done w/artists eye for beauty & detail.
David Echert 510.339.4700



BERKELEY \$725,000
4 BR 2 BA Berk hills contemporary sparkles w/light & panoramic views! Most rms open to deck/patio.
Catherine Varnau 510.486.1495

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,165,000
4 BR 3 BA Classic traditional with exceptional architectural details. Gracious living room, remodeled kitchen, 2 fireplaces, home office. A gem!
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KENSINGTON \$950,000
4 BR 1.5 BA Elegant Normandy near Kensington Village. European old charm with modern conveniences. LR w/vaulted ceiling opens to private courtyard.
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RIDGEMONT \$885,000
3 BR 2.5 BA This 1988 stunning contemp. is located on a large lot in desirable Ridgmont neighborhood. It offers sunny living rm, cozy fam. rm w/fp, Nader Davari 510.339.4700

BERKELEY \$429,000
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CLAREMONT \$1,595,000
49 Vicente Pl
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PIEDMONT \$960,000
257 Scenic Acve.
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OPEN HOUSES

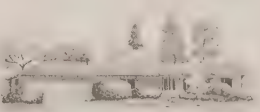


OAKLAND \$799,000
5958 Colton Blvd
Sun 2 - 4

3 BR 2.5 BA Stylish spacious & sunny contemporary. Master ste. w/ fireplace. Walk in closet, 3 decks
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BERKELEY \$730,000
1819 Carleton St.
Sun 2 - 4:30
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BERKELEY \$729,000
1067 Siler Pl
Sun 2 - 5
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Terry Kulka 510.339.4700



ROCKRIDGE UPPER \$729,000
25 Masonic Pl
Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 2 BA Level living in desirable location, LR w/fp, kit/fam rm combo, garage w/interior access.
Becky Andersen 510.339.4700



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$679,000
619 Longridge Road
Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Stylish Mid-Century home on 1-level. Great indoor-outdoor living, updated eat-in kitchen.
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OAKLAND \$649,950
4300 Oak Hill Rd
Sun 1 - 4:30

2 BR 2 BA Easy living! Updated one-level Ranch on very large wooded lot, fabulous Bay & Hills views.
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$619,000
4528 Mattis Ct.
Sun 2 - 4:30

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CHINA HILL \$599,000
432 Lester Ave.
Sun 1 - 5

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ALBANY \$575,000
548 Madison
Sun 2 - 4:30

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BERKELEY \$479,000
1723 Delaware St.
Sun 2 - 4:30

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\$449,950 2170 Via Murietta. Must see! Great neighborhood. 3bd, 2 1/2 ba, plus room. Hardwood floors, landscaped yard. Richard 510-814-4813.

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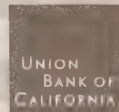
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1916 E. 38TH STREET \$498,000

Glenview. Lovely two plus bedroom, one bath in desirable Glenview. Large sunny room's, formal dining, refinished hardwood floors, fireplace, large basement for storage/workshop. Garage. Rear patio and fenced backyard.

Nancy Novick 531-7000 x254



3015 MADERA AVENUE \$449,000

Maxwell Park. Sunny and spacious 3BD/1BA, living room with bay windows and elegant fireplace, dining room with built-ins, tastefully remodeled kitchen and tile bath, basement for storage, great yard!

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7624 CIRCLE HILL \$419,000

Oakland. Built in '55, single story approximately 1100 sq. ft. with two bedroom, one and a half bathroom, living room, dining room, eat-in kit., laundry, pantry, hardwood floors.

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2303 25TH AVENUE \$359,000

Oakland. Appealing 1880's Farmhouse! Spacious three bedroom, one bath home with hardwood floors, fresh paint, many original details. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, friendly front porch. Sunny corner lot.

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Montclair. Very well maintained home. The bedroom, three baths with extended living area that quiet in-law. Owner relocating. Two-car garage plus extra lot.

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Maxwell Park. Ultra - Charming 2BD/1BA bonus room for office or den, gorgeous refinished hrdwd. flrs., liv. rm. w/view of the Bay & Oakland hills. Fabulous landscaped yard, many upgrades!

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Hillmont. On large lot with 2BD/1BA. New work but could be cute. Living room w/ fireplace, dining area large eat-in kitchen. Deck with French doors opening to the deck. Hot tub and deck for entertaining. Large yard.

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Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246

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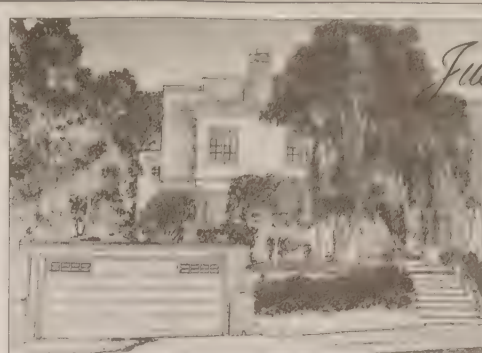
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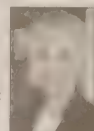
Gracious 1920's traditional home filled with charm and original detail. This well-maintained property features a formal dining room, living room, cove ceilings, two fireplaces, four bedrooms, two baths and more. Beautifully landscaped and situated in a most desirable location!

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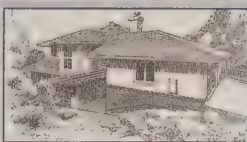


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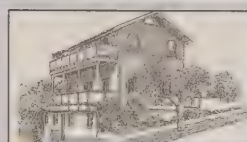
Sunday 2-5 **\$1,799,000**
53 Domingo, Berkeley. Elegant 1915 Maybeck with spacious rooms + in-law. 5BR/3BA.
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OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 **\$1,375,000**
2108 Melvin Road, Oakland. Quality 5BR/3.5 BA. New construction in Oakland!
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OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 **\$949,000**
939 Hillcroft Cir., Oakland. Beautiful 4BR/3BA charm. Big yard, deck. Perfect 10!
Rosalie Marshall (510) 428-0900



OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 **\$569,000**
4121 Maybelle, Oakland. Panoramic view + 3BR/2BA on deep landscaped lot. 1st Open!
Vince Moran (510) 339-9290



Sunday 2-5 **\$529,000**
2425 Edwards St., Berkeley. Sunny 3BR/2BA, large yard, close to BART.
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494 Boulevard Way. Spacious 4+BR/2BA home with charm du jour!
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Sunday 1:30-4 **\$1,575,000**
8865 Elverton. 4225 sq. ft. Spectacular design & views. See Virtual Tour at PruRealty.com/calfox
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OPEN Sunday 2-4 **\$660,000**
4445 Moraga Road. 3BR/2BA home. Large yard, great location.
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OPEN Sunday 2-5 **\$589,000**
10720 Cotter St. 3+BR/2+BA, split-level, FP, HWF, den, FDR, breakfast nook, 2 car.
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OPEN Sunday 1-5 **\$489,000**
4716 Allendale Ave. 3+BR/1BA Tudor on best Maxwell Park street.
Allison Goodwin (510) 834-2010

OPEN Sunday **\$459,000**
Nicely remodeled bungalow on oversized lot w/potential for future multi-family development. Located near Emeryville, Berkeley border.
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OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 **\$405,000**
670 Vernon #301. Luxurious Rose Garden condo. 2BR/1.5BA. Fabulous!
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OPEN Sunday 2-4 **\$399,000**
717 - 61st. Great 2BR/1BA with extra bed + bath downstairs, Victorian.
Tom Wright (510) 504-6029

OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 **\$345,000**
890 40th St. 2BR in move-in condition near BART Emeryville stores.
Jurgan Aust (510) 540-5481

OPEN Sunday 1-4 **\$325,000**
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OPEN Sunday 2-5 **\$519,000**
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Wendy T. Louie (510) 851-9888

Emeryville

OPEN Sunday 2-4 **\$549,000**
1543 Prince. 5BR/3.5BA home with live/work potential, off street parking.
Laura Margulius (510) 868-1400

OPEN Sunday 2-5 **\$235,000**
6 Commodore #C239. 1BR courtyard unit. Pools, tennis, shopping.
Eric H. Wong (510) 868-1400

San Francisco

Sunday 2-4:30 **\$2,520,000**
171 Alpine Terrace, Oakland. One of a kind 5+BR/4.5BA Mediterranean view home.
Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290

OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 **\$1,425,000**
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OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 **\$1,295,000**
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Sat/Sun 2-4	510-814-4881/814-4865		
Harbor Bay Realty	Jena Ng/Lena Sazo		
\$260,000	955 Shorepoint Ct #115	1BD/1BA	
Sun 1-4	510-339-3700		
Coldwell Banker	Terry Anthony		
\$395,000	2133 Santa Clara Ave #104	2BD/2BA	
Sat 2-4	510-748-1116		
Gallagher & Lindsey	Alice Garvin		
\$399,000	3858 Rhoda Ave	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30	510-865-2800		
Kane & Associates	Lisa Lawley		
\$439,000	1136 Mound St.	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4	510-814-4865		
Harbor Bay Realty	Catherine Bierwith		
\$445,000	950 Shorepoint Ct #104	2BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4	510-748-1175		
Gallagher & Lindsey	Anne DeBardeleben		
\$447,900	836 Taylor	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4	510-814-4884		
Harbor Bay Realty	Izabella Lipetski		
\$475,000	1122 Marianis Lane	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun, 1-4pm	510-521-1177		
Windermere Properties East Bay	Peter Fletcher		
\$479,000	3414 Redhook Ln	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4	510-814-4841		
Harbor Bay Realty	Tom Young		
\$488,000	417 Whitehall Rd.	3BD/2BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	510-814-4710/814-4839		
Harbor Bay Realty	Walt Jacobs/Bill Douglas		
\$504,500	209 Haight St	3BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4	510-814-4817		
Harbor Bay Realty	Tim Marr		
\$507,000	1069 Camino Del Valle	3BD/2.5BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	510-814-4819		
Harbor Bay Realty	Nancy Bianchi		
\$515,000	3215 Monte Vista	2BD/1BA	
Sat 1-4:30/Sun 2-4	510-814-4832/814-4811		
Harbor Bay Realty D.Alvarez-Morroni/F. Christensen			
\$519,000	612 Taylor	2BD/2BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	510-814-4810		
Harbor Bay Realty	Jane Friedrich		
\$544,000	106 Lagunaria Ln	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4	510-814-4887		
Harbor Bay Realty	Ramon Dumaguin		
\$579,000	3511 Silva	3BD/2.5BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	510-814-4880		
Harbor Bay Realty	Maureen Shandobil		
\$585,000	2941 Fernside Blvd	2BD/1BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	510-814-4825		
Harbor Bay Realty	Shirley McWilliam		
\$585,000	31 Courageous Ct	2BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4	510-814-4870		
Harbor Bay Realty	Pat Koutoulakis		
\$589,000	3038 Marina Dr	3BD/2BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	510-814-4823/814-4871		
Harbor Bay Realty	Nancy Brandt/Denise Garvine		
\$599,000	1800 Elm St.	2+BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	510-272-9444/851-0322		
Kane & Associates	Uli Lirosi/Anita Wong		
\$599,000	3128 Marina Dr	3BD/1BA	
Sat 2-4 & Sun 2-5	510-748-1197		
Gallagher & Lindsey	Jose Cerda-Zein		
\$599,500	2438 Otis Dr.	3BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	510-865-2776		
Gallagher & Lindsey	Bill Bissett & Griselda Marino		
\$609,000	8 Bannister	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4	510-814-4824		
Harbor Bay Realty	Darin Vinall		
\$619,000	1286 Silva Lane	3BD/2.5BA	
Open Sat & Sun 2-4	510-522-4446		
Renrose Realty	Rosie Macalino		
\$625,000	1369 Hansen Ave	4BD/2BA	
Sat/Sun 1-4:30	510-814-4813		
Harbor Bay Realty	Richard Kim		
\$625,000	2519 Eagle Ave	4BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4	510-814-4835		
Harbor Bay Realty	Elaine Budka		
\$629,000	1138 Peach St	2BD/2BA	
Sat 1:30-4:30/Sun 2-4	510-814-4870/814-4873		
Harbor Bay Realty	Pat Koutoulakis/Lisa Horibek		
\$629,000	1705 Broadway	3BD/2BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	510-814-4859		
Harbor Bay Realty	Karen Wellman		
\$630,000	1101 Court St	3+BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4	510-813-1363		
Centennial Real Estate	Nick Caporali		
\$633,000	5 Invincible Court	3BD/3BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	510-531-2274		
Kane & Associates	Wendy Sanda		
\$650,000	1308 Santa Clara Ave	6BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4	510-523-2314		
Kane & Associates	Sally Rudloff		
\$656,000	1129 Clarke Ln	4BD/3BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	510-814-4821/814-4881		
Harbor Bay Realty	Elaine Millin/Jena Ng		
\$675,000	2709 Calhoun St.	3BD/1.5BA	
Sun 2-4	510-523-0707		
Panavista Realty	Ramesh		
\$685,000	2620 Encinal Ave	3 units	
Sun 2-4	510-828-2187		
Gallagher & Lindsey	Stephanie Neher		
\$695,000	306 Tideway	3BD/2.5BA	
Sat/Sun 2-4	510-814-4802/814-4826		
Harbor Bay Realty	Rich Krinks/Donna Luciani		
Williams			
\$699,000	1316 9th Street	3+BD/2BA	
Open Sat 2-4	925-743-0332		
ERA Golden Hills Brokers	Peggie Trail		
\$719,000	1535 - 9th St.	2+BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4	510-522-8749		
Centennial Real Estate	Linda Larkin		
\$750,000	1219 Eagle Ave	3BD 2 units	
Sat 2-4	510-865-4799		
Centennial Real Estate	Frank Manibusan		
\$750,000	410 Tideway	3BD/2.5 BA	
Sat & Sun 12-3	510-748-1101		
Gallagher & Lindsey	Ruth Masonok		
\$785,000	1425 Chestnut	4BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-522-5827		
Bayside Real Estate	Mark Wyman		
\$870,000	1335 Grove St.	4BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4	510-523-8886		
Kane & Associates	Denise Brady		
\$895,000	452 Santa Clara Ave	4 units	
Sat 2-4 & Sun 1-4	510-748-1198/748-1148		
Gallagher & Lindsey	Dave Par/Pacita Dimacali		

Alameda			
\$1,100,000	2945 Marina Drive	3BD/3BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4	510-865-9688		
Kane & Associates	Marilyn Oliver		
Albany			
\$550,000	903 Talbot Ave	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 1-4	510-215-7636		
Intreco	Annie Ao		
\$569,000	525 Jackson St #C	4BD/3BA	
Open Sun 2-4	510-280-2103		
Red Oak Realty	Marc Guay		
\$575,000	548 Madison St.	3BD/2BA	
Sun, 2-4:30	510-486-1495		
Coldwell Banker	G. Lustig/B. Allendorf		
\$589,000	910 Pomona Ave	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4	510-280-2146		
Red Oak Realty	Virginia Jones		
\$595,000	1504 Sonoma Ave.	3+BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30	510-652-2133		
The Grubb Co.	Susie Schevill		
\$629,000	1124 Stannage Ave	3+BD/1.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-292-2003		
Red Oak Realty	Elizabeth McDonald		
Bay Point			
\$360,000	174 Anchor Drive	3BD/2.5BA	
Open 7/11 & 7/12 1-4	415-561-5608x121		
HomeQuest Realty	Katherine Logginoff		
Berkeley			
\$389,000	1410 Dwight Way	~/-	
Open Sun 2-4	510-280-2171		
Red Oak Realty	Jennifer Fickenschner		
\$399,000	2 Panoramic Way Unit 103	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4	510-486-1495		
Coldwell Banker	Diana Kay		
\$415,000	2601 College Ave #301	2BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4	510-292-3048		
Marvin Gardens	Merrilyn Rhodes/Crystal Elliott		
\$425,000	1839 Dwight Way	2BD/1BA	
Sun 2-4:30	510-652-2133		
The Grubb Co.	Ron Egberman		
\$469,000	2112 Woolsey St	2+BD/1+BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	510-339-9290		
Prudential Ca Realty	Brian Santilena		
\$479,000	1723 Delaware St.	3BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30	510-486-1495		
Coldwell Banker	Carol Gamble		
\$489,000	2755 Mathews St	3BD/1BA	
Open Sun 1:30-4	510-280-2178		
Red Oak Realty	Grace Bishop		
\$495,000	1408 Delaware	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4	510-524-9888 X33		
Berkeley Hills Realty	Bill & Tracy		
\$499,000	2490 West St	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4	510-292-2010		
Red Oak Realty	Shannon Way		
\$529,000	2425 Edwards St	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-5	510-968-1481		
Prudential Ca Realty	Candice David		
\$549,000	1119 Hillview Rd	3+BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-5	510-524-9888 X28		
Berkeley Hills Realty	Barbara Condelm		
\$549,000	1543 Prince St	5BD/3.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4	510-968-1490		
Prudential Ca Realty	Laura Margulius		
\$549,000	26365 Virginia #4	2+BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-5	510-280-2137		
Red Oak Realty	Francesco Papalia		
\$575,000	2206 10th St	~/-	
Open Sun 2-4	510-524-9888 X12		
Berkeley Hills Realty	Joan Brunswick		
\$625,000	2624 Benvenue Avenue	2+BD/1+BA	
Sun, 2-4pm	510-653-2050		
Tarpoiff & Talbert	Anet Tarpoiff		
\$649,000	462 Kentucky Ave	2BD/1.5BA	
Open Sun 2-5	510-280-2156		
Red Oak Realty	Susan Grant		
\$669,000	1419 Grizzly Peak	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4	510-280-2121		
Red Oak Realty	The Lederers		
\$689,000	2423 Roosevelt	4BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30	510-339-8900		
C21 Heritage Real Estate	Dione Cota		
\$729,000	1067 Silver Place	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-5	510-339-3780		
Coldwell Banker	Terry Kulika		
\$729,000	476 Kentucky	2BD/2BA	
Sat 2-4:30	510-531-7000 x246		
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\$730,000	1819 Carleton St.	8BD/-BA	
Sun 2-4:30	510-339-3700		
Coldwell Banker	David Eckert		
\$749,000	1325 Walnut St.	4BD/1.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30	510-339-0400		
The Grubb Co.	Anne Van Dyke		
\$750,000	946 San Benito	2+BD/3BA	
Sun 2-4:30	510-652-2133		
The Grubb Co.	Ford/Plowright		
\$775,000	935 Regal Rd.	4BD/2BA	
Sun 2-4:30	510-339-3400		
The Grubb Co.	Tricia Swift		
\$795,000	1044 Keith	5BD/3BA	
Sun 2-4:30	510-338-1336		
Pacific Union GMAC Real Estate	Jack McPhail		
\$820,000	766 Cragmont	4BD/2BA	
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Maison Nouveau	Heather Sittig		
\$828,000	1504-1514 10th St	~/-	
Open Sun 1-4	510-948-0110		
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\$829,000	629 Woodmont Ave.	3BD/2BA	
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Marvin Gardens	Kathie Berg		
\$895,000	466 Gravatt Dr.	4+BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30	510-652-2133		
The Grubb Co.	Bebe McRae		
\$995,000	1073 Cragmont Ave.	3BD/2.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30	510-339-0400		
The Grubb Co.	Chris Cohn		
\$1,045,000	1365 Campus Drive	3BD/3BA	
Sun 2-4:30	510-652-2133		
The Grubb Co.	Faye Keogh		
\$1,175,000	458 Gravatt	3+BD/3BA	
Sun 2-5	510-338-1367		
Pacific Union GMAC Real Estate	Carla Buffington		
\$1,195,000	1185 Keith Avenue	4+BD/3.5BA	
Sun 2-4:30pm	415-380-2161		
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\$1,275,000 Sun. 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC Real Estate	2958 Russell St.	4+BD/2.5BA 510-338-1341 Leslie Avant	
\$1,445,000 Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	96 Parnassus Rd.	4BD/3.5BA 510-652-2133 F. Keogh/P. Templeton	
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El Cerrito			
\$389,000 Sun. 2-5 C21 Heritage Real Estate	1321 Norwell St.	2BD/1BA 510-459-3093 Nick Lavrov	
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El Sobrante			
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\$415,000 Sun 1-4 Pacific Union GMAC	783 Manor Rd.	3BD/2.5BA 925-253-6216 Rob Olson	
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SPORTS

Alameda triples its pleasure

Alameda triples its pleasure in 3-pointers to outlast El Cerrito in an ACCAL matchup.

By Scott Strain
 The "7" or "8" day by the "7" and Alameda beat El Cerrito 75-59 in the ACCAL matchup. The Hornets (7-13) won the game by a 16-point margin, led by a 3-point shot by Kaitlyn Caldwell, and won by a 16-point margin. The Hornets (7-13) won the game by a 16-point margin, led by a 3-point shot by Kaitlyn Caldwell, and won by a 16-point margin.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

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ter Nicole Calmes stole the ball from Kaitlyn Caldwell and scored for 11-13. The Hornets (7-13) won the game by a 16-point margin, led by a 3-point shot by Kaitlyn Caldwell, and won by a 16-point margin.

simply didn't get around the perimeter. When she got the ball, she was open. She had the time to shoot, and she did. The Hornets (7-13) won the game by a 16-point margin, led by a 3-point shot by Kaitlyn Caldwell, and won by a 16-point margin.

"I was a bad girl of shooting," Caldwell said. "I was a bad girl of shooting." The Hornets (7-13) won the game by a 16-point margin, led by a 3-point shot by Kaitlyn Caldwell, and won by a 16-point margin.

And when Caldwell couldn't do it, she had more than enough. Caldwell scored six of her 18 points in the third quarter and 18 points in the second half, including six in the first quarter, including six in the first quarter.

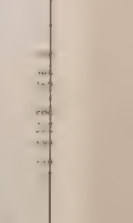
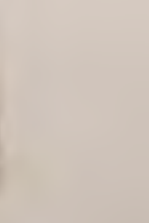
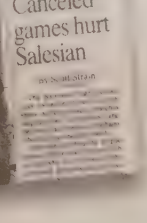
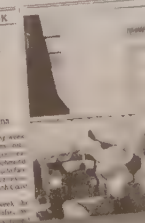
Barbara White had 12 points, including six in the first quarter, including six in the first quarter. The Hornets (7-13) won the game by a 16-point margin, led by a 3-point shot by Kaitlyn Caldwell, and won by a 16-point margin.

Caldwell finished with 28 points to lead all scorers. Marissa Green had 22 points to lead all scorers. The Hornets (7-13) won the game by a 16-point margin, led by a 3-point shot by Kaitlyn Caldwell, and won by a 16-point margin.

ACCAL Notebook

Oilers set for NCS opener

By Orlando Mallon
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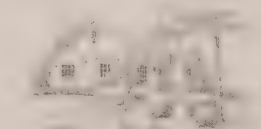
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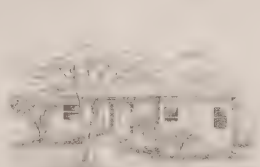
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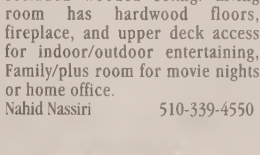
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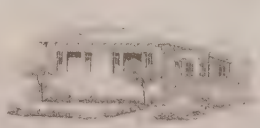
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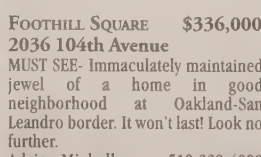
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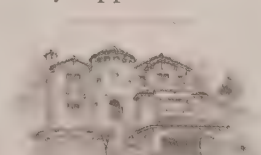


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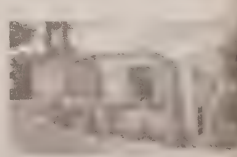
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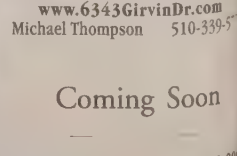
MONTCLAIR \$629,000

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DISTRICT FOUR INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Albany All-Stars open tournament in romp



GOODMAN allowed no hits in three innings during the Albany Major All-Stars' 20-9 win over Continental in their opening game of the District Four International Tournament



NICK GRECO, bottom, is mobbed by Jamel Freeman and other teammates after Greco homered.

Team impresses coach Freeman

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

If, as the old adage goes, familiarity breeds contempt, then the Albany Majors Division All-Star team may indeed be an exception. These guys like each other. "I've coached these guys for four years," Albany Majors coach Anthony Freeman said. "I know them and they know me."

The Albany Little League All-Stars won their opening game in the District Four International Tournament by plowing Continental 20-9 at their home field at University Village on Monday. They played East County in a winners' bracket game on Wednesday in Alameda.

"This is a good team; it's been good for quite awhile," Freeman said. "We've played in five tournaments and we won one in Burlingame a few weeks ago. We recently finished third in a 24-

team tournament in Citrus Heights."

Albany's Jamel Freeman went 4-for-5 with four runs scored against Continental, which they had down 15-2 after one inning. Conner Freeburg was the big hitter for Albany in this game, going 3-for-4 with a grand slam and seven RBI.

Nick Greco also had a home run among his two hits and Dave Shore had two hits.

Cole Goodman started for the All-Stars and pitched three innings of no-hit ball; he had trouble with his control and came out of the game, but 20 runs will alleviate the problem. Practically every time.

Albany has never won a district title at this level, but Freeman thinks this team has a real shot. "We have a lot of good hitters and I think how we do depends on us, not on any other

team."

Freeman can call on a stable of solid pitchers — Goodman, Emerson Donnelly, Mark Arakaki and Kai Hunter.

Last year in this tournament, Albany won its first game, lost the next two and was eliminated. "That was a completely different team from this one," Freeman said. "We have three players from that team on this one."

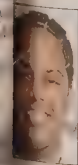
In 2002, this group of players competed in the 9-10 International tournament and reached the semifinals.

"This team, the one I have now, give us a good chance to break through to the top," Freeman said.

There is another old adage — power plus pitching equals pennant.

That would be one that Freeman and his players could certainly live with.

Panthers basketball star Sneed makes commitment to Cal



Shantrell Sneed

She averaged 17 points, 13 rebounds as a junior at St. Mary's High.

By Jennifer Starks
STAFF WRITER

Shantrell Sneed, a star forward on the St. Mary's High School girls basketball team, has orally committed to Cal.

Sneed received interest from teams around the country, including Princeton, UCLA, Ore-

gon State, USC and Miami, but gave the Bears her word last week.

"They were the first college I ever came in contact with," Sneed said. "They gave me an offer during my freshman year, and it stood through injuries and all the ups and downs. They defi-

nately wanted me and have been consistent about it."

Sneed has helped the Panthers blossom into one of the top teams in the area. As a junior, she averaged 17 points and 13 rebounds per game in leading St. Mary's to the California Interscholastic Federation Division IV

Northern regional final and was named to the All-Times first team.

She's looking forward to having the same impact at Cal, which hasn't had a winning season since the 1992-93 campaign. The Bears are on the rebound from one of the most trying sea-

sons in the program's history. Cal got off to a 7-2 start, its best in 11 seasons, but was rocked by the sudden death of sophomore forward Alisa Lewis from bacterial meningitis on Jan. 19. What followed was an 11-game losing streak, culminating in a 12-17 season.

DISTRICT FOUR INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

schedule for California District Four Little League International Tournament. Games played on home field of designated host. In a double-elimination tournament.

9-10-YEAR-OLD DIVISION

Winners' bracket

First round

Thursday, July 8

at Pittsburg National

July 10, East County 0

Hercules at Albany (2)

11-YEAR-OLD DIVISION

Winners' bracket

First round

Thursday, July 1

Albany vs. East County 0

Second round

Wednesday, July 7

Albany vs. Lafayette at Antioch West

Quarterfinal

Today

Albany wins vs. Clayton Valley/South

and winner at Chabot Field, Oak-

Loser's bracket

Thursday, July 8

If Albany loses vs. North Oakland at

Antioch West

MAJOR DIVISION

Winners' bracket

First round

Thursday, July 1

Albany 20, Continental 9

Second round

Wednesday, July 7

Albany vs. East County at Alameda

Semifinals

Today

If Albany wins, vs. Antioch

West/Lafayette winner at Lafayette, 6

p.m.

Loser's bracket

Thursday, July 8

If Albany loses, vs. Concord American

at Clayton Valley

JUNIOR DIVISION

Winners' bracket

First round

Wednesday, July 7

Martinez vs. Albany at Walnut Creek

Second round

Today

Martinez/Albany winner at Walnut

Creek, 6 p.m.

Loser's bracket

Saturday, July 10

If Albany loses, at East County, 10 a.m.

SENIOR DIVISION

Winners' bracket

First round

Saturday, July 10

North Oakland vs. East County, at Oak-

land, 10 a.m.

Clayton Valley at Albany, 10 a.m.

Walnut Creek at Martinez, 10 a.m.

Second round

Monday, July 12

North Oakland/East County winner at

South Oakland, 6 p.m.

Clayton Valley/Albany winner vs.

Walnut Creek/Martinez winner, at Al-

bany, 6 p.m.

BRIEFS

Albany Bobcats football registration

Albany Bobcats youth football program will be holding final registration for ages 6-14 July 24 at 10 a.m. at Cougar Field located behind Albany Middle School at 1259 Brighton Ave. Cheerleading groups also forming. 510-528-7055 or www.albanyfootball.com.

Jim Hadnot Foundation basketball clinic

Jim Hadnot Foundation will be holding a youth basketball clinic for ages 7-11 Aug. 8, Aug. 15, Aug. 22 and Aug. 29 in Oakland. \$125. 510-393-2931.

International basketball exchange program

Sports for Youth Foundation is accepting high school teams, club teams and individual players for 2004 Goodwill Ambassadors International Basketball Exchange to Brazil. Program is open to boys ages 6-18. Tour dates Aug. 20-31. 425-255-8102, info@sportsforyouth.com or www.sportsforyouth.com.

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EBFOA seeks football officials

East Bay Football Officials Assoc. is looking for high school football officials for upcoming season. No experience required. 510-521-4121 or 510-235-5249.

Stockton Blazers basketball tourney

Stockton Blazers will be hosting AAU basketball tournament for boys and girls in grades 5-high school July 10-11. \$250 per team. 209-430-1305 or 209-234-0404.

Crossfire seeks softball players

California Crossfire 14-under A girls fastpitch tournament softball team is looking for two experienced key position players for competitive summer tournament play. 925-933-9642 or bandsm1@comcast.net.

Cal boys soccer camps

Cal Berkeley will be offering

boys soccer camps for ages 5-19 as follows: Advanced Players Camp (resident and commuter), July 18-22; Full day camp, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 19-22; Half day camp July 19-23. 800-GO-BEARS, 510-643-9957 or www.calbears.com.

Acalanes seeks volleyball coach

Acalanes High School in Lafayette is looking for a head varsity girls volleyball coach. 925-935-2600, ext. 217.

Monarchs seek basketball players

Oakland Monarchs Rainbow Recreation Basketball Club is looking for girls in grades 3-4 for its 10-under team. 510-615-5751.

Boys summer basketball

Oakland Monarchs Rainbow Recreation Center Basketball Club will be offering summer league for boys entering grades 2-3 July 11-Aug. 22. Games held at Rainbow

FISHING REPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN

Capt. Robert Gallia of the El Dorado I reported three schools of fish occupying the coastal areas over the fourth of July weekend. A five-mile swath of salmon that has been migrating up the coast for the last 2 1/2 months has been consistently producing red hot action and early limits for the Berkeley Charter Boat Fleet. A second school of adult fish around the Bolinas area has produced some quality fish with hard pulling action, the largest topping 38 pounds brought aboard the El Dorado 1. A third school of fish located off the San Mateo coast has moved into an area loaded with anchovies. This school is producing fast action and good quality of salmon with multiple hook-ups. On Tuesday, all of the Berkeley charter boats reported in with early limits by 1 p.m.

James Smith had the California Dawn near the surfline on the Pacific coast and had close to 20 strippers by 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday. That kind of success has been par for the course along the coast of late, with Smith hitting early limits just about every day of the week. He said that Monday was incredible, with 31 limits of striped bass to 30 pounds, five halibut to 25 pounds and a 43-pound coupin shark. On Sunday, Smith brought in 21 salmon and 21 bass on a pollock trip. He mentioned that, though there is a tremendous amount of bait fish and fish in general, the sloppy weather is not for some bass. Fishing should continue through the weekend.

Jim Smith also had the Happy Hooker out near the Pacific, and has been consistently pulling in limits on striped bass. Smith reported 19 limits of bass for his 19 anglers Thursday, including a 35-pound bass caught by Charlie Packett of Pleasant Hill. Smith also had eight halibut come in that day. Sunday saw 29 anglers bring in 54 bass. Tuesday was another big day, with 16 anglers netting 32 limits of bass and a halibut. Then, on Wednesday, 22 anglers nearly caught their bass limits by 10:30 a.m., as well as a 35-pound halibut. Smith said that things have been wide open every day in the ocean from Lundermair all the way to Seal Rocks.

Craig Stone of Emeryville Sportfishing also reported that salmon fishing has been at a premium, with anglers taking limits of fish up to 36 pounds off the San Mateo and Marin coasts and out by the Farallon Islands.

Potluck tips have been mainly concentrating in the ocean and getting limits of striped bass on the San Mateo coast and picking up a few halibut. The largest bass landed has come in at 31 pounds, with the largest halibut at 20 pounds.

THE BAYS

SAN FRANCISCO: Stone reported the potluck trips have caught the occasional halibut in the Berkeley Flats, but there hasn't been a lot of action in the bay as far as halibut goes.

Jim Smith of the Happy Hooker said that there are a lot of fish, primarily striped bass, in the bay around Alcatraz. He said that nobody is fishing there and that attempts to fish there over the weekend could net a big day for some lucky angler.

SUISUN: Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait and Tackle reported poor fishing this week, as the winds have completely taken over. No sturgeon were brought to the scale, and the only two strippers caught were at the pier by Joe Wing of Martinez. They totaled 41.5 inches and 8.5 pounds.

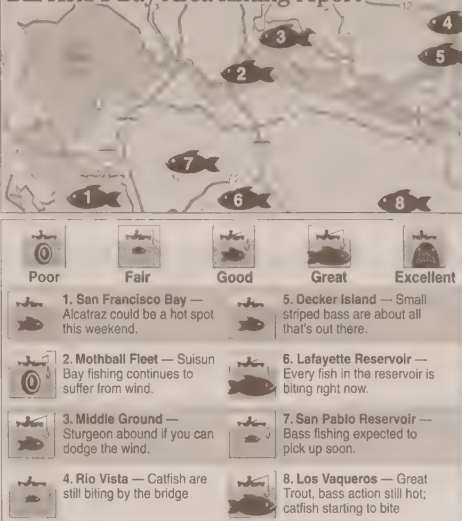
Tony Lopez of McAvoy's in Pittsburg reported that the incoming tide in the late afternoon has been allowing some anglers to get out through the wind, and that the sturgeon are out there to be had. If the weather continues to warm up over the weekend, the wind should die down and allow for some excellent fishing. He recommended towing boats to the Montezuma slough or going upstream for best results, or staying in the Middle Ground, where the most sturgeon have been seen.

Jeff Williams caught a 40-pound, 56-inch sturgeon in the Middle Ground in 19 feet of water on grass shrimp. David W. Butler snagged a 69-inch, 74-pound sturgeon in the Middle Ground on grass shrimp. Chuck Hilier caught a 48-pound, 61-inch sturgeon on grass shrimp in 60 feet of water near Middle Ground. Mike Wilson caught his 61-pound near Buoy 6 in 30 feet of water on grass shrimp.

THE RIVERS

SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING TO ANDERSON: Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing reported that the

Bill Kolb's Bay Area fishing report



rainbow trout yield is strong night now. Portocarrero and his clients are producing many nice size rainbows, catching and releasing trout up to six pounds. King salmon season on the Sacramento will open on July 16. As of May 7, the 2004 salmon count over the Red Bluff Diversion Dam was at 1,545 — more than 300 more than the count in May 2003.

FEATHER RIVER, OROVILLE: An increase in water has helped anglers, according to Portocarrero. In the last few days, Portocarrero and clients have been catching limits of chrome king salmon ranging from 12 to 25 pounds. The best results have come from backtrolling with green and gold flatfish lures between Oroville and Gridley. The limit is one salmon per person, and will increase to three per angler on July 16.

THE DELTA

Ken Botelho of Gotcha Bait and Tackle in Antioch reported that the wind continues to inhibit action. He said a few striped bass have been caught by shore anglers off Sherman Island, and that some folks are taking in anywhere from three to six keeper strippers off the Antioch Pier on shad, sardines and anchovies.

Arnie Silveira caught an 8.05-pound black bass on a Sinko lure at the Antioch Bridge. Cory Johnson got his 6.0-pound black bass on a plastic worm at Big Break. Aaron Phillips caught four black bass totaling 6.6 pounds at Marsh Creek on minnows. Ed Poole caught a 4.5-pound black bass and brother Shawn got a 1.3-pound crappie on some bait at Sherman Lake. Joe Rosette got his 3.0-pound bass with a top water frog at Holland Tract, and Tyronne Paschall brought in a 5.05-pound catfish on liver at Clifton Court Forebay.

Audie Urbano of Hap's Bait and Tackle in Rio Vista reported that small striped bass are abundant around Decker Island, mostly on frozen shad, anchovies and sardines. He said that 13 seven-pounders have come in over the past week, as well as a 35-pound sturgeon. Catfish are still biting near the bridge on sardines.

THE LAKES

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: Bait fishing for trout was down last week as a result of the winds. The wind didn't affect the trolls quite as much. If trolling, anglers should set their depth for 16 feet. Patience is really the key right now for trout. Bass fishing is expected to pick up again soon and catfish action is up in some scattered areas around. A 12-pound, 8-ounce cat was caught using a Rapala near the dam. Crappies are biting best in the launch area.

LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY: The warmer weather has stunted the trout feeding a bit. Troll at about 30 feet from Half Moon Bay down to the Dam. The bass action has been best around the Island and at the Dam.

Nightcrawlers are working best around the Island, and lures are yielding success at the Dam. The catfish action is really starting to heat up with many limits being caught in Half Moon Bay using nightcrawlers. Honker Bay has proved to be another good spot, as the cats love to hit mackerel in the shallows. One angler caught a limit of catfish three trips in a row by using a nightcrawler with a pinch of PowerBait at Half Moon Bay.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD: More than 2,000 fish have been caught over the last two weeks as anglers and trolls are averaging almost five fish in a four-hour period. Shoreline fishing has been excellent. Most anglers are starting in the morning at the South Cove and then migrating toward Oak Point and the dock area around noon. Anglers are using a variety of PowerBait, with the favorite colors being rainbow, chartreuse and orange. Trollers are using broken back lures, Cripp lures, wedding rings and Kastmasters while trolling no deeper than 25 feet. One angler last week totaled eight pounds with his limit's worth of trout. Fishing for bass, anglers should find success down by the Rock Wall, the docks and Oak Point. Some have been pulled out on the shore by using rubber worms, Rat-T-Trap and poppers. The catfish bite has gotten better as the weather warmed. Off the shore, the best luck has come on worms near Oak Point and the South Cove. On the water, anglers are having success with chicken liver near Peninsula Cove.

LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE: Trout fishing has been slow despite a few anglers having luck with PowerBait and nightcrawlers at the northern end of the lake. Conversely, the bass fishing has picked up over the past week and is expected to continue to produce average-size fish. The bass are usually at a depth of around 15 to 25 feet. Good spots to try are the steep edges around the lake where the water drops off rather quickly. Good baits are coming off of white and chartreuse/blue spinnerbaits. Wave worms also are working well around the weed beds. Catfish are really biting. Chicken liver and anchovies are yielding some good results at the south end of the lake.

LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR: Fishing might have reached its peak at the reservoir in the past week. Everything with gills is biting right now — trout, bass, bluegill, perch, catfish. Nightcrawlers seem to be the bait of choice, as all types the fish are biting on them. The south end is regularly yielding limits of 3-4 pound trout, and good size stringers of catfish are still coming in. Most weigh in the 2-4 pound range, with some up in the 6-7 pound area. Philip Stuart Jr. of Richmond caught an 8.5-pound largemouth bass in the East Cove on a nightcrawler. Trout are biting best on orange and chartreuse PowerBait.

— Bill Kolb

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Summer All Comer Track Meet Series

Chabot College in Hayward will be holding its Summer All Comer Track Meet Series for high school athletes and older at 6 p.m. July 20 and July 27. Events to include 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 70HH, 3200, long jump, shot put and discus. No pole vault or high jump. 510-723-6662 or KGrace@ChabotCollege.edu.

Kids All Comer Track Meet Series

Chabot College in Hayward will be holding its Kids All Comer Track Meet Series for ages 5 through middle school at 6 p.m. July 22 and July 29. Events to include 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600, shot put and long jump. No charge. 510-723-6662 or

KGrace@ChabotCollege.edu.

Warriors camp

Golden State Warriors will be offering Warriors Basketball Camp this summer for boys and girls ages 8-16 of all skill levels and abilities with 14 sessions at seven locations throughout the Bay Area including Oakland, Pleasanton and San Ramon. Proceeds benefit Warriors Foundation. 510-986-5310 or www.warriors.com.

Invaders seek soccer players

Invaders under-10 boys level 1 goldflight soccer team is looking for players born between 08/01/93 and 07/31/94. Practices held Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 4-6 p.m. in Hercules. Team is coached by professional soccer player. 510-799-6824 or Spanish speaking players call 510-758-2929.

Cal girls basketball summer camps

Cal Berkeley will be holding Caren Horstmeier's Girls Basketball Camps for players of all skill levels as follows: Junior Club day camp, grades K-6, July 26-29; Elite Position camp, grades 9-12, Aug. 7-9 (commuter and resident options).

800-GO-BEARS or www.calbears.com

Cal lacrosse camps

UC Berkeley will be holding 2004 Girls and Boys Lacrosse camps as follows: Girls camps: Elite July 23-25; Goalie Academy July 25; Day Camp, July 26-28; Lacrosse camps: Boys Day Camp, July 26-28; Elite Camp, July 30-Aug. 1, 1997. www.CalBears.com or malkoj@berkeley.edu.

Jack Clark Rugby Camp

Jack Clark Rugby Camp held at UC Berkeley for middle school high school boys. Session 1: 11-14 will be held July 9-12; session 2 for ages 15-19 will be 13-16. The cost is \$445 for the camp or \$295 for day camp. 1971 or www.calbears.com.

Oakland A's summer camp

Oakland A's will be holding youth baseball camp for ages 7-12 from July 26-30 at the Caldecott Fields in Oakland. 510-528-4848 or http://henducamp.homesite.com/ge1.html or madney@pacbell.net

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ERICA'S HEART & SOUL": Louis Schwartzberg traded this wide and varied coun-

try making short films about people from all corners. What's powerful about the result is what's powerful about America: People are free to live their lives according to their own rules, whims and dreams. Even though the film at times exalts the American way of life with mythical reverence, the experience is undeniably stirring. — D. Thomson. (PG: mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. B+

"AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS": This family-friendly remake of the 1956 non-classic is pleasant enough, but tedious. Even the skills of Jackie Chan, Steve Coogan and a cameo-laden cast (Arnold Schwarzenegger! Kathy Bates!) can't get this hot-air balloon off the ground. — B. Strauss. (PG: action violence, some crude humor, mild language.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. C+

"BAADASSSSSS!": Mario Van Peebles looks back on the making of his father's 1971 film "Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song," the original blaxploitation flick, which starred both Van Peebles, father Melvin as the antihero Sweetback in adult form and Mario as the kid version of Sweetback. In this film, Mario

gives a rich and uncannily apt performance as Melvin (he's a far better actor than Dad). "Baadasssss!" is a lively piece of work, but it overstates the merits of the original and too often settles for sassy but straight historical re-enactments when we're longing for fresh insights and some sense of the emotions involved. — M. Pols. (R: pervasive language and some strong sexuality/nudity.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. C+

"BEFORE SUNSET": A sequel to "Before Sunrise." Former lovers Jesse (Ethan Hawke) and Celine (Julie Delpy) meet again after nine years apart and spend 80 minutes (the film is in real time) roaming the streets of Paris together. Richard Linklater's leanest, sparsest film yet is also his best, most mature work. It challenges all the conventions of romantic movies, cutting out grand misunderstandings, nudity and sex. Instead this potent, wry-love story delves into the real and true emotions involved in experiencing desire as we age and gain responsibilities. Even the smart, sweet "Before Sunrise" seems slightly staid in comparison. — M. Pols. (R: for language and sexual references.)

1 hour, 20 minutes. A

"THE CHRONICLES OF RID-DICK": A sci-fi epic, but more accurately, an excruciatingly long piece of action drivel starring Vin Diesel. Armed only with his muscles, wisecracks and night-vision eyes (which look like cataracts on an old dog), he must save a distant planet from invaders who drive a giant phallic symbol spaceship and go by the disconcerting name Necromongers. The film looks like a cross between a shaving commercial and a video game, a strong indicator that unless you're a teenage boy — or have that mind-set — you may want to stay away. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense sequences of violent action, some language.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. D-

"THE CLEARING": A somber, taut and elegantly made thriller worth seeing for the unusually emotionally intimate performance from Robert Redford, who stars as a top executive kidnapped by a former employee (Willem Dafoe). The story is told in two parts, one following Redford's and Dafoe's characters on the day of the kidnapping and the other following Helen Mirren, playing Redford's wife, as she tries to get her husband back. A bit too civilized, but first-time director Pieter Jan Brugge does a fine job building the tension. — M. Pols. (R: brief strong language.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. B

"CONTROL ROOM": A film about the way al-Jazeera, the Arab television network, covered the early stages of the Iraqi war. Made by Jehane Noujaim, a young Arab-American documentary filmmaker who brought us "Startup.com," a chronicle of the rise and rapid fall of a New York dot-com. Once again, Noujaim's timing is impeccable, but here, her speed filmmaking works to her detriment. The documentary is intelligent, the al-Jazeera journalists articulate and compelling, and Noujaim looked out in interviewing a thoughtful American military spokesman, but what she's given us feels superficial, a quick hit when we want something more in depth. — M. Pols. (NR.) 1 hour, 24 minutes. B-

"THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW": Global warming runs amok on Earth, creating a new Ice Age in the Northern Hemisphere. Dennis Quaid plays a climatologist who predicted all this but, unlike the usual disaster flick here, can't reverse this dilemma. He can, however, undertake an absurd odyssey to save his teenage son (Jake Gyllenhaal), trapped in the New York Public Library. Written and directed by Roland Emmerich ("Independence Day"), who is unabashedly liberal and relishes lambasting the Bush/Cheney administration. The science is wildly exaggerated, but the movie has a good sense of humor. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense scenes of peril.) 2 hours, 4 minutes. B-

"DE-LOVELY": A biopic about Cole Porter, starring Kevin Kline as the great songwriter and Ashley Judd as his wife, Linda, who tolerated a lifetime of his running around with men. An odd movie: crammed with very hip, very cool musical numbers and likely to leave you humming Porter — always a pleasure — but hampered by a self-defeating dramatic structure that turns the whole thing into a sort of "This Is Your Life" episode. Kline is good, but Judd gives a chilly, studied performance that ranks as one of her worst. — M. Pols. (PG-13: for sexual content.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. B

"DODGEBALL: A TRUE UNDERDOG STORY": A tale of two warring gyms, a place for average Joes run by a slacker (Vince Vaughn) and a fancy, seriously uptight place run by a cross be-

OPENING TODAY

"ANCHORMAN: THE LEGEND OF RON BURGUNDY" (PG-13) Will Ferrell stars as a pompous 1970s-era anchorman in San Diego who is threatened when his station hires a female journalist (Christina Applegate).

"BROADWAY: THE GOLDEN AGE" (NR) A documentary about Broadway from filmmaker Rick McKay, featuring scads of interviews with legendary theatrical performers.

"HARD GOODBYES: MY FATHER" (NR) The story of a 10-year-old Greek boy who makes a pact with his father to watch the televised account of the first moon landing in July 1969.

"I'LL SLEEP WHEN I'M DEAD" (R) From "Get Carter" director Mike

Hodges, a character-driven thriller about a retired criminal (Clive Owen) sucked back into the life after his younger brother is killed.

"METALLICA: SOME KIND OF MONSTER" (NR) This documentary by Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky ("Brother's Keeper") shows the heavy metal band Metallica's group therapy sessions as they struggle to produce their latest album "St. Anger."

"THE SEAGULL'S LAUGHTER" (NR) A young Icelandic woman who ventured to America returns home, causing ripples of change in a quiet fishing village.

"SLEEPOVER" (PG) The summer before their freshman year in high school, a group of girls gather for the night of their lives.

tween Richard Simmons and Burt Reynolds (played by Ben Stiller, at his most loathsome). The movie starts slow and is rude, crude and only half as funny as it would like to be. But there are occasions when its slapstick is potent enough to reduce a grownup to the kind of laughing fit that brings tears to your eyes. Features Christine Taylor and some hilarious supporting work from Rip Torn and Jason Bateman. — M. Pols. (PG-13: rude and sexual humor and language.) 1 hour, 29 minutes. C+

"FAHRENHEIT 9/11": He's baaaaack. With a vengeance, a camera and archival footage no conservative wants to see. In Michael Moore's exhaustive, and rather exhausting, nonfiction film, the must-see "documentary" of the season, America's resident noodle details the many reasons why he hates President George Bush and why he thinks you should, too. The results are passionate, clever, scathing, funny, snarky, brutal, sad, glib, often wildly entertaining and at times superficial. Moore is at his strongest when he lets a woman named Lila Lipscomb, whose son was stationed in Iraq, do the talking. She will break your heart. — M. Pols. (R: language, violent images of war.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. B+

"GARFIELD: THE MOVIE": A comic strip cat with an expressionless face that only occasionally morphs into a wry smirk does not a movie make. So the computer-generated star of this otherwise live-action movie is a lot more active. When veterinarian Liz sees that Jon is a devoted pet owner, she pairs him with a not-too-bright mutt named Odie who needs a home. With Breckin Meyer, Jennifer Love Hewitt and the voice of Bill Murray. — V. Kuklenski. (PG: brief mild language.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. C

"HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN": For the third in the Harry Potter movies, directing duties have been handed from the safe and staid Chris Columbus to the more sophisticated Alfonso Cuaron, whose last film was the steamy art-house smash "Y Tu Mama Tambien." This film, which features a supposedly dangerous criminal (Gary Oldman) pursuing Harry, is darker, far more atmospheric and contemporary. Cuaron and screenwriter Steve Kloves have cast aside some of J.K. Rowling's plot elements without doing too much damage. But increasingly, there's a sense of obligation to these films, and with the excellent young cast growing at a pace that far exceeds J.K. Rowling's writing speed, time is against the franchise. — M. Pols. (PG: frightening moments, creature violence and mild language.) 2 hours, 30 minutes. B

"KING ARTHUR": Where would we be without producer Jerry Bruckheimer? We'd never know the "real" truth about King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Or as this film, starring Clive Owen as an ineffectual Arthur and Kiera Knightley as a butt-kicking Guinevere, purports the truth to be. But even if you're fine with the Hollywood history lesson, it's weak, with the wizard Merlin, so powerful in literature, standing around in the woods like a Deadhead on acid. Guinevere's a laughable fantasy. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense battle sequences, a scene of sensuality, some language.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. C-

"MEAN GIRLS": Tina Fey of "Saturday Night Live" fame wrote (and stars) in this comedy based on the book "Queen Bees and Wannabes." Lindsay Lohan stars as a 15-year-old new to public school after being home-schooled in the African bush. She falls in with the school's two leading outsiders — a Goth girl and a gay guy. Between the laughs, this film drives home the point that girls are often their own worst enemy. — J. Baltake. (PG-13: sex, language.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. B

"NAPOLEON DYNAMITE": Napoleon, played by Jon Heder, is a gangly mouth-breather whose affectless eccentricity could easily be mistaken for simple-mindedness. "He's a tender little guy," as described by his Uncle Rico (Jon Gries). This is about the kindest thing anyone says about Napoleon, who is taunted, harassed and laughed at in school. It is also the truest, though it may take you a while to appreciate it. This movie, filled with small-town, quirky characters, is ultimately more tender than cruel. — A.O. Scott. (PG: thematic elements and language.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. C+

"THE NOTEBOOK": Wealthy big-city girl Allie (Rachel McAdams) meets local working-class boy Noah (Ryan Gosling) while vacationing with her family and they fall in wild teenage love. Her parents don't approve, and they go their separate ways — she to college, he to World War II. But since their story is being told in flashbacks in the form of a notebook — (which a kind older gentleman — James Garner) is reading in a nursing home to a kind older lady with Alzheimer's disease (Gena Rowlands) — you begin to suspect that these star-crossed lovers ended up crossing paths again. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: some sexuality.) 2 hours. C-

"SHREK 2": This is a sequel every bit as funny and imaginative as the original, and twice as tender and wise. Mike Myers is back as Shrek, with Cameron Diaz as his lovely — and very plump and green — Fiona, and, of course,

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DAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Times for Friday July 9

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Seagull's Laughter (Not Rated) 7:15,

any Twin
Albany 510-524-9588
Clearing (R) 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10,
Mother (R) 1, 4:15, 6:45, 9:10

IC Bay Street 16
Emeryville 510-457-4262
Clearing (R) 11:05, 1:35, 4:40, 7:10,
Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (PG-13) 2:50, 5:10, 6:45, 7:40, 9, 9:55,

Shrek 2 (PG-13) 11:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:15, 11:15
Fahrenheit 9/11 (R) 12:30, 4:05, 7:25,

Notebook 11, 1:50, 4:30, 7:35, 10:40
Shrek 2 (PG) 11:05, 1:20, 3:35, 6, 8:20,
Sleepover (PG) 11:20, 1:40, 4:20, 7:20,

Shrek 2 (PG-13) 11, 11:30, 12:15, 1, 2:30, 3:15, 4, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 6:15, 7, 8, 8:30, 9:10, 10:30, 11, 11:30
Terminal (PG-13) 11:45, 1:45, 2:45, 5, 4:45, 7:45, 8:45, 10:45, 11:30

California Theatre
Oakland 510-848-0249
Shrek 2 (PG-13) 11, 11:45, 1, 1:40, 3:45, 4:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:45

obot Space & Science
Oakland 510-336-7300
Comic Voyage (Not Rated) 10:30, 1:30,
Human Body (Not Rated) 2:30,
A & Clark (Not Rated) 12:30, 3:30,
Living Sea (Not Rated) 11:30,

Wood 3
College Ave. Berkeley 510-649-0530
My Without a Mexican (R) 12:15, 4:40,
Normal Sunshine/Spotless Mind (R) 3:45, 5:35, 8:25,
Shrek 2 (PG-13) 12:10, 4:40, 9:10,
The Notebook (PG-13) 2:15, 6:45,

naissance Grand Lake
Oakland 510-452-3556
Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15

Shrek 2 (PG-13) 11:45, 12:30, 2:15, 4:45, 6:30, 8:30, 10,
Harry Potter (PG) 12, 3:30, 6:45, 9:25,

London Stadium
Oakland 510-433-1320
Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (PG-13) 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:20,

Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (PG-13) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 7:35, 9:50,
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King Arthur (PG-13) 10:45, 1:35, 4:35, 6:45, 9:25

Shrek 2 (PG) 11:40, 2, 4:20, 6:40, 8:45,
Sleepover (PG) 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25,
Shrek 2 (PG-13) 10:15, 12:30, 1:15, 2:45, 5:30, 7:15, 9:30, 10:15, 10:50,
Fate Chicks (PG-13) 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:25, 10,

naissance Oaks Theatre
San Jose 510-286-1836
Harry Potter (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30,
Shrek 2 (PG) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15,

Highway Speakeasy
Oakland 510-814-2400
Coffee and Cigarettes (R) 7,
The Python's Life of Brian (R) 9:45,
The Stepford Wives (PG-13) 6:30,
Super Size Me (Not Rated) 9:15,

Montmont Theatre
Oakland 510-854-2758
Before Sunset (R) 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30,
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Control Room (Not Rated) 12:30, 5, 7:15,
Shrek 2 (PG-13) 2:45, 9:20,

Shutuck Cinemas
Berkeley 510-844-2992
America's Heart and Soul (PG) 12:35, 4:30, 7:10,
Around the World in 80 Days (PG) 9:20,
Before Sunset (R) 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:15,

Shrek 2 (PG-13) 11, 12:30, 2, 3:45, 5, 6:15, 7, 8, 9:30, 10, 11,
The Stepford Wives (PG-13) 1:30, 4,

9:15
Harry Potter (PG) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:40
I'll Sleep When I'm Dead (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
Napoleon Dynamite, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35, 9:55
Saved! (PG-13) 4:35, 9:10
The Stepford Wives (PG-13) 2:15, 6:55
The Story of the Weeping Camel (PG) 12:50, 3, 5:15, 7:25, 9:30,
Super Size Me (Not Rated) 1:15, 4, 6:50, 9:05

United Artists Berkeley 7
Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-0193
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Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
Sleepover (PG) 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
Spider-Man 2 (PG-13) 1, 3:30, 4, 6:30, 7, 9:30, 10,
White Chicks (PG-13) 12, 2:45, 5, 7:50, 10:20

United Artists Emery Bay
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0492
Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (PG-13) 12, 12:40, 1:30, 2:15, 3, 4, 4:45, 5:30, 6:30, 7:15, 8, 9, 9:45, 10:30
Around the World in 80 Days (PG) 1, 7
The Day After Tomorrow (PG-13) 4:15, 9:45
King Arthur (PG-13) 12:45, 1:30, 3:45, 4:30, 7, 7:45, 10, 10:45
Napoleon Dynamite (PG) 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45, 10,
Stepford Wives (PG-13) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:15,
Troy (R) 1, 9:30,
White Chicks (PG-13) 12:30, 3, 4:20, 5:30, 7, 8, 10:30

Central Contra Costa

Renaissance Orinda Theatre
Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (PG-13) 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 6, 8, 10,
Fahrenheit 9/11 (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 9:30,
The Terminal (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40,

Renaissance Park Theatre
3519 Golden Gate Way., Lafayette 925-283-7997
Fahrenheit 9/11 (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30,

Rheem All Stadium 4
350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411
King Arthur (PG-13) 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40,
The Notebook (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 7:45, 10,
Spider-Man 2 (PG-13) 12, 1, 2:35, 3:35, 5:05, 6:05, 7:30, 8:40, 9:50

West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Klase Way, Richmond 510-758-2345
Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (PG-13) 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05,
Fahrenheit 9/11 (R) 11:05, 1:40, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10,
Garfield (PG) 11:20,
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG) 12:25, 3:45, 6:55, 10:15,
King Arthur (PG-13) 11:15, 12:45, 2, 3:25, 4:50, 6:15, 7:40, 9:05, 10:30,
The Notebook (PG-13) 11, 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:15,
Shrek 2 (PG) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 9:50,
Sleepover (PG) 11:10, 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:05, 10:20,
Spider-Man 2 (PG-13) 11, 11:30, 12, 12:30, 1, 1:30, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10, 10:30,
Two Brothers (PG) 11:35, 2:15, 4:40,
White Chicks (PG-13) 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:05, 7:55, 9:35, 10:25

San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10,
Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (PG-13) 11:30, 1:50, 4:15, 7:15, 9:40,
Fahrenheit 9/11 (R) 12:15, 3:30, 7:20, 10:30,
Harry Potter (PG) 12:45, 3:50, 7:15, 10:25,
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The Notebook (PG-13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 9:50,
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Sleepover (PG) 11:20, 1:40, 4:05, 7:10, 9:35,
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The Stepford Wives (PG-13) 1:30, 4,

The Terminal (PG-13) 1, 4:20, 7:25, 10:35
White Chicks (PG-13) 11:50, 2:30, 5:20, 8:05, 10:45

AMC Kabuki 8
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-321-9600
Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (PG-13) 11, 1, 3:15, 5:30, 8, 10:15
Around the World in 80 Days (PG) 11:35, 2:05, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05
Harry Potter (PG) 1:15, 4:30, 10:30, 10:30
King Arthur (PG-13) 11:20, 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10:30
Shrek 2 (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50
Spider-Man 2 (PG-13) 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10, 11
The Terminal (PG-13) 11:10, 2, 4:50, 7:50, 10:40

Bridge Theatre
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-751-3213
Metallica: Some Kind of Monster (Not Rated) 12, 3, 6, 9, 12,

Castro Theatre
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
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Theatre
2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-346-1124
The Clearing (R) 12:20, 2:30, 4:40, 7, 9:15

Embarcadero Center Cinemas
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-352-0835
America's Heart and Soul (PG) 12:30, 2:40, 4:50,
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The Story of the Weeping Camel (PG) 4:20, 7, 9:20
Super Size Me (Not Rated) 1:30, 7:20, 9:50

Lumiere Theatre
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-885-3201
Broadway: The Golden Age (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:35
The Corporation (Not Rated) 1:45, 5, 8
I'll Sleep When I'm Dead (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

Opera Plaza Cinema
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-771-0183
Coffee and Cigarettes (R) 4:45, 10,
Goodbye, Lenin! (R) 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
Imelda (Not Rated) 2:15, 7:30
The Merchant (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7, 9:40
The Seagull's Laughter (Not Rated) 2, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50

The Red Vic Theatre
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994
Mayor of the Sunset Strip (R) 7:15, 9:15

The Roxie Theatre
3117 16th At Valencia, San Francisco 415-863-1087
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Loews Theatres Metreon
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6201
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The Notebook (PG-13) 12:20, 3:10, 6:40, 9:50
Shrek 2 (PG) 10:30, 12:50, 3:30, 6:10,
Sleepover (PG) 11:10, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20, 11:40,
Spider-Man 2 (PG-13) 11, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4, 5, 6, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 11, 11:50,
The Stepford Wives (PG-13) 10:40, 2:20, 11:10,
The Terminal (PG-13) 12, 3:20, 6:30, 9:40,
White Chicks (PG-13) 11:50, 2:50, 5:40, 8:40, 11:20

Loews IMAX Theatre
101 Fourth Street, San Francisco 415-369-6201
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG) 10:30, 1:40, 4:50, 8:10,
United Artists Galaxy 4
1285 Sutter St., San Francisco 415-474-8790
Adored: Diary of a Porn Star (Not Rated) 1:15, 9:30,
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) 4:15, 7:15,
Hard Goodbyes: My Father (Not Rated) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10,
Saved! (PG-13) 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40,
Troy (R) 1, 4:20, 7:45,

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Reviews

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Eddie Murphy as the wise-cracking Donkey. Best thing about both movies is the way they deconstruct fairy-tale notions. — C. Kelly. (PG: crude humor.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. A

"SPIDER-MAN 2": A rare sequel, just as nifty as its predecessor and blessed with some indescribably exhilarating moments. But along with the thrilling action, director Sam Raimi takes his Spidey (Tobey Maguire) to emotional depths. It's more romantic than the original, too (with Kirstin Dunst as the sexy-sweet love interest), plus it's got a sense of humor. — M. Pols. (PG-13: stylized action, violence.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. A-

"THE STEPFORD WIVES": A messy remake of the 1975 camp classic, which feels as though it's been audience tested to death. Nicole Kidman and Matthew Broderick have the lead roles as driven New Yorkers who move to the Connecticut suburbs for escape, only to discover that there's something bizarre about the all-too-perfect wives of Stepford. Kidman and Broderick are badly cast and give awkward performances, but the comic troika of Glenn Close, Bette Midler and Roger Bart, as a gay Stepford wife-husband, keeps the movie afloat against all odds. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, thematic material and language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B-

"SUPER SIZE ME": This anti-junk-food documentary manages to entertain even as it informs and alarms. Filmmaker Morgan Spurlock — in excellent physical shape at the beginning of his film — sets out to investigate the health effects of an all-McDonald's diet. In just one month, he gains 25



WILL FERRELL stars as a pompous 1970s-era anchorman in "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" who is threatened when his station hires a female journalist (Christina Applegate).

pounds while his health plummets. Scary, yes, but Spurlock's light touch as a filmmaker, his eye and ear for irony, and his easy good humor leaven the disturbing statistics. — M. O'Sullivan. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B-

"THE TERMINAL": Viktor (Tom Hanks), a Eastern European man, gets stuck in JFK for a year after his home government is overthrown. His passport and money are no good. Fortunately, he's very clever and enterprising and doesn't mind eating ketchup. Steven Spielberg's latest is skillful as always, overly long as usual, and remarkably false. America is a happy little melting pot and everyone loves Viktor, including a gorgeous flight attendant (Catherine Zeta-Jones) and all the airport employees he meets. Only the humorless bureaucrat (Stanley Tucci) who runs the airport is a jerk, and we're never sure why. — M. Pols. (PG-13: brief language and drug references.) 2 hours. C.

"TROY": An action picture of stun-

ning scope and stirring spectacle involving a love story between two callow nitwits that is its Achilles' heel. The movie attempts to compensate with frequent visits to the brawny, tawny contours of the rest of Achilles' body. Brad Pitt portrays Achilles, a lean, mean fighting machine preoccupied with his legacy of bravery in battle. When Paris, Prince of Troy (Orlando Bloom), whisks Helen, Queen of Sparta (Diane Kruger), off to Troy, their randy romp sets off one of the ancient world's great battles. — B. Newman. (R: violence, sexuality, nudity.) 2 hours, 45 minutes. B

"TWO BROTHERS": We first meet Kumal and Sangha as tiger cubs, circa 1920 in French colonial Indochina. When hunter Aidan

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McRory (Guy Pearce) enters the jungle to plunder temples, he stumbles upon the feline family, shoots papa cat and makes off with Kumal. Sangha, meanwhile, winds up in the home of an ambitious French administrator, where he's gentle enough to share a bed with the administrator's young son. When fully grown, the tigers meet as adversaries in a public

arena. — P. Wuntch. (PG: some violence, animal cruelty.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B-

"WHITE CHICKS": Marlon and Shawn Wayans play Marcus and Kevin Copeland, African-American FBI agents who pose as white debutantes. The men pretend to be the specific young women — Brittany and Tiffany Wilson — they are assigned to protect. Then the

disguised agents spend the rest of the film hanging out with people who know those women and out being caught. Even the gender and racial issues are a stunningly stupid premise that seems even dumber while you're watching the film. — J. Boyar. (PG-13: crude humor, language, some sexual content.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B-

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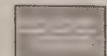
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OPENING — "Master Class" by Terence McNally, extended through July 25. A fictionalized account of Maria Callas' master class at Juilliard in the early 1970s, exposing the vulnerability and doubt hidden under a remorseless ego. Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; July 13, July 16, July 17, July 20 and July 22, 8 p.m.; July 10, 2 p.m.; July 11, July 18, 2 p.m. and July 25, 7 p.m. \$20 to \$25.

BEST STAGE —

OPENING — "21 Dog Years: Doing Amazon.com" by Mike Daisey, extended through Aug. 1. A solo show about Daisey's experience of the rise and fall of dot-com culture. July 16 through Aug. 1: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 p.m. \$25 to \$45.

ADDITION ST. BERKELEY. 510-647-

888-48RTX or www.berkeley.org

CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE THEATRE —

OPENING — "Henry IV," July 10 through Aug. 1. A new adaptation of Shakespeare's "Henry IV, Parts I and II" by Dakin Matthews.

July 11 and July 25, following the performance. A post-show conversation with members of the cast. Free with ticket purchase. "Shakespeare Series," July 13, July 20 and July 28, 6 p.m. Sample wine, champagne or coffee and sweets before the show. Free with ticket purchase.

"Behind the Scenes," July 15, 5:30 p.m. Meet with artists from the show while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and wine, then take a backstage tour after the show, followed by a catered picnic. \$22.

July 18, following the performance. An informal discussion with Area artists and other invited guests. Free with ticket purchase.

"Back Matinee," July 31, 2 p.m. A local matinee performance benefiting Contra Costa Community College. \$10 to \$45.

\$25 general; \$25 to \$52 seniors; \$10 to \$32 youth ages 4 to 16; \$10 and cheap tickets for ages 30 and younger for Tuesday through Friday performances, day of performance only. Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Burns Memorial Amphitheater, Highway 24, Shakespeare Festival/Gateway Exit, Orinda. Free tickets from the Orinda Bart Station.

510-9666 or www.calshakes.org/

DOEIRA ANGOLA CENTER —

OPENING — "Together for Chiapas: Benefit for Emergency Relief," July 10, 7:30 p.m. A night of video, spoken word, dance and live music with donations and drinks.

\$15 donation. 2513 Magnolia St., Oakland. 510-654-9587.

CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE —

OPENING — "My Fair Lady" by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe, July 9 through Aug. 14. Based on George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," this is the story of Professor Higgins and his attempt to change the uneducated, flower girl Eliza into a well-mannered lady of manners.

Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9132.

CROWDED FIRE THEATRE COMPANY

OPENING — "Boys, Men: A Field Guide" by Molina Williams, July 9 through July 17. A tour of relationships that looks at the male species. Friday, 8 p.m. La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid St., Berkeley. 510-675-5995 or www.crowdedfire.org

THE MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS —

OPENING — "Flora and Classical Persian Music," July 10, 8 p.m. A performance of poetry accompanied by live music. General: \$25 seniors, students; \$20 children. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-84-3444 or www.juliamorgan.org

THE MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE —

OPENING — "Victims," through July 24. A romantic comedy musical set in Paris during the depression of the 1930s, about a female singer who pretends to be a man performing as a woman. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. 105 Park Place, Pt. Richmond. 510-232-0001, 510-232-3888, or www.masquers.org

ALAMDA BOX THEATRE —

OPENING — "Oakland Poetry Slam," third

venue, Berkeley. 510-841-6500 or www.shotgunplayers.org

WOMAN'S WILL —

OPENING — "As You Like It" by William Shakespeare, July 10 through Aug. 15. A comedy about the escapades of a banished duke and his court, performed by the all-female Shakespeare company.

July 10 and July 11, 1 p.m.: At John Hinkel Park, Southampton Avenue between San Diego Road and Somerset Place, Berkeley.

July 17 and July 18: Live Oak Park,

1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

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tries out having a girl and her dog Sandy in the house and finds that she's exactly what he wanted. The show includes the famous songs, "Tomorrow," "It's the Hard-Knock Life," and "Little Girls."

\$19 to \$31 general; \$17 to \$29 seniors and children. Thursday through Sunday, 8 p.m. Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. 510-531-9597 or www.woodminster.com

COMEDY

TOMMY T'S COMEDY HOUSE — Katt Williams, July 9 through July 11. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 8 p.m.

Call or check Web site for tickets. For ages 21 and over. 1655 Willow Pass Road, Concord. 925-686-6809 or www.ticketweb.com

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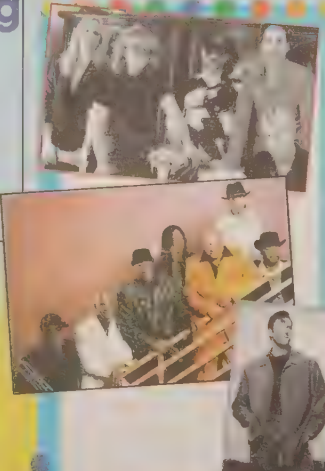
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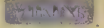
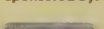
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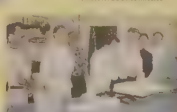
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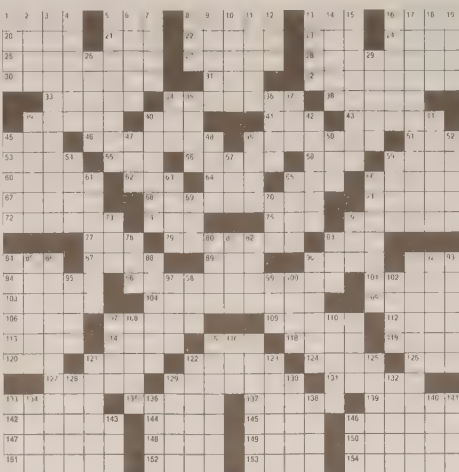
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"Summer Sing-Ins," through Aug. 17. A sing-in of major choral works.
 July 13: "Requiem" by Mozart and "Messa di Gloria" by Puccini.
 \$10. Tuesday, 7 p.m. First Covenant Church, 4000 Redwood Road, Oakland. 510-207-4093.

DANCE

ASHKENAZ —
 Lavy Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers, July 9, 9:30 p.m. Swing dance lesson, 8 p.m. \$13
 Kotoja, July 10, 9:30 p.m. Dance lesson, 9 p.m. \$13 general; \$10 students.
 Tekla, July 11, 7:30 p.m. Hungarian dance. \$12.
 Anthony Paule and Mz. Dee, July 14, 9 p.m. Swing dance lesson, 8 p.m. \$9. "Flamenco Open Stage," July 18, 7:30 p.m. With Yaelia. \$9.
 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. 510-525-5054 or www.ashkenaz.com

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER —
 Jose Roberto y Amigos in "Ofrenda," July 10, 8:30 p.m. Featuring original compositions that show Latin America's diverse musical traditions
 \$12 to \$15. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org

LAKE MERRITT DANCE CENTER —
 "USA/USO Special Event," July 10, 7 p.m. A dance party with live music by the Mood Swing Orchestra and vintage red, white, and blue attire
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 \$25. Grand Ballroom, 200 Grand Ave., Oakland. 510-523-5587 or www.dancewithme.info

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 \$10 general; \$5 students. 2224 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-1000 or www.shattuckdownlow.com

THE STARRY PLOUGH PUB —
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POPULAR MUSIC

ALBATROSS PUB —
 The Rio Thing, July 10, \$3.
 Unless otherwise noted, shows begin Wednesdays, 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 p.m. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-643-2473 or www.albatrosspub.com

ASHKENAZ —
 Lavy Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers, July 9, 9:30 p.m. \$13.
 Kotoja, July 10, 9:30 p.m. \$13 general; \$10 student.
 Binghi Ghost, July 13, 9:30 p.m. \$9 general; \$6 student
 Anthony Paul and Mz. Dee, July 14, 9 p.m. \$9.
 Dark Star Dan, July 15, 10 p.m. \$6.
 Les Yeux Noirs, July 16, 9:30 p.m. \$15.
 Palenque, July 17, 9:30 p.m. \$13
 1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. 510-525-5054 or www.ashkenaz.com

BECKETT'S IRISH PUB —
 Point Blank, July 9.
 Nicole, July 10 and July 17.
 Nicole and the Sisters in Soul, July 14
 The Katie Jay Band, July 16.
 Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790 or www.beckettsirishpub.com

BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH —
 "Monday Night All Star Jam" with The Steve Gannon Band and Mz. Dee, Mondays. \$4.
 "Acoustic Wednesday" with Mikie Lee Prasad and guests, 10 p.m. Free.
 For ages 18 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510-848-0886 or www.blakesontelegraph.com

COFFEE FOR THOUGHT —
 Ariel, first Friday of the month.
 Skalawag, third Friday of the month.
 Free. Shows begin at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 1544 Webster St., Alameda. 510-769-4930 or www.coffeeforthought.com

DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT —
 Danny Caron, July 9.
 Carl Sonny Leyland Trio, July 10.
 Jules Broussard, Ned Boynton, Bing Nathan, July 14.
 Keni El Lebrjano, July 15.
 Satoru Oda, Vince Lateano Trio, July 16.
 Bill Stewart, July 17.
 Free. Music begins Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810 or 510-597-0633.

DOWNTOWN BERKELEY'S "SUMMER NOON CONCERTS" — Through July

29. Every Thursday, noon to 1 p.m. Los Soneros de la Bahia, July 15.
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FREIGHT AND SALVAGE —
 Palm Wine Boys, July 9. \$15.50 to \$16.50.
 John Keawe, July 10. \$16.50 to \$17.50.
 Robert Lowery, Rev. Rabia and Virgil Thrasher, July 11. \$15.50 to \$16.50.
 Eric Bibb, July 13. \$16.50 to \$17.50.
 Pierre Bensusan, July 14. \$18.50 to \$19.50.
 Martin Carthy, July 15. \$20.50 to \$21.50.
 Due West, July 16. \$15.50 to \$16.50.
 Oak, Ash and Thorn, July 17. \$17.50 to \$18.50.
 The Devil Makes Three, July 18. \$15.50 to \$16.50.
 Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761, (866) 468-3399 or www.freightandsalvage.org

JAZZSCHOOL —
 Jovino Santos Neto and Friends, July 11, 4:30 p.m. \$18
 John Schott's Typical Orchestra, July 17, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$15.
 David Michel-Ruddy, July 18, 4:30 p.m. \$12 to \$15.
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LA PEQA CULTURAL CENTER —
 "Ofrenda," July 10, 8:30 p.m. Presented by Jose Roberto y Amigos. \$12 to \$15.
 "Neruda y los 100 que Volvieron del Mar," July 16, 8 p.m. A new work by Chilean composer Claudio Araya. \$12 to \$14.
 Huara and Friends, July 17, 8:30 p.m. \$12 to \$14.
 "Benefit for Women's Cancer Clinic," July 18, 7 p.m. Featuring Montuno Groove, Omeycan, Regina Wells, Carolyn Brandy, and Barbara Valadares. \$12.
 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org

924 GILMAN ST. —
 The Soviettes, Sleeper Cell, Deconditioned, Words That Burn, Because Silence is a Dangerous Sound, July 10.
 Life Long Tragedy, The Phantom Pains,

The Jon Bonet, July 11, 5 p.m.
 Plan 9, The Reactionary 3, Ghost Mice, Pirx the Pilot, The List, July 16.
 No Hope for the Kids, Death Token, Short Eyes, Case of Emergency, Stockholm Syndrome, July 17.
 All ages welcome. Shows are \$5 and start at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926 or www.924gilman.org

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SHATTUCK DOWN LOW —
 Granola Funk Express, July 9, 9 p.m. \$7 general; \$5 students.
 "Angel Magik," July 10, 9 p.m. \$20.
 Most Chill Slack Mob, July 16, 9:30 p.m. \$7 general; \$5 students.
 Live Salsa Night, Wednesdays, 8 p.m. \$10.
 For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-1159 or www.shattuckdownlow.com

THE STARRY PLOUGH PUB —
 South Austin Jug Band, Joe and Lucio, Happiness, July 9. \$8.
 Our Lady of the Highway, American Starlet, Jeffrey Lucas, July 10. \$6.
 Steve Poltz, July 15. \$12.
 Let's Go Bowling!, Mass Hysteria, The Ted Dancin' Machine, July 16. All ages. \$8.
 The Meat Purveyors, The Boot Cuts, The Pickin' Trix, July 17. \$7.
 For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082 or www.starryploughpub.com

STORK CLUB —

Cobra High, July 10
 Jason Stinnette, Jeffery Caruso, Anthony, July 14.
 Death of a Party, Luxury, Madelia, Dad on Dad, July 16.
 Greenlight the Bombers, Lower 48, Black Ghost, Outline Kit, July 17.
 \$5. All shows at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2330 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-444-6174 or www.storkcluboakland.com/

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY —
GREEK THEATRE —
 Sarah McLachlan, July 10, 8 p.m. \$49.35 to \$69.35.
 Indigo Girls, July 17, 8 p.m. \$27.50 to \$37.50.
 Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road, Berkeley. 510-444-TIXS, 415-421-TIXS, www.cc.com or www.ticketmaster.com

YOSHI'S —
 Spyro Gyra, through July 11. \$16 to \$26
 Walter Savage Quintet, July 12. \$10.
 Sonny Fortune Quintet, July 13, July 14. \$10 to \$18.
 Pete Escovedo and His Orchestra, July 15 through July 18. \$20 to \$24.
 Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200, www.yoshis.com or www.ticketweb.com

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10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon. This event is for children ages 3 to 5 and a friend or sibling who is between the ages of 1 to 5 years old. The theme of this event is "Sun Fun." Registration required.

"Birds Around Us," July 17, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn about birds on a guided walk, nature game and slide show.

"Nature Fun-Time Series," July 17 through Aug. 29. Learn about sharks and whales and other inhabitants of the bay and hear watery tales. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Free unless otherwise noted; parking fee may be charged. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. 510-521-6887 or www.ebparks.org

DUNSMUIR HOUSE AND GARDENS HISTORIC ESTATE — Through September. Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 50-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion. Open to the public the first Sunday of every month.

Docent-led Tours, through Sept. 25. Guided tours of the Mansion and the Estate grounds. No high heels allowed in the Mansion. Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to noon. \$5 general; \$4 seniors; free children ages 13 and under.

ESTATE GROUNDS — The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public for walking Tuesday through Sunday. Maps of the grounds are available at Dinkelspiel House.

Self-Guided Grounds Tours are available Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Booklets are available at Dinkelspiel House. Free.

FAMILY SUNDAY — Through September. Bring a picnic and enjoy mansion tours and entertainment on select Sundays. Entertainment is at 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Mansion tours are at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. \$5 general; \$4 seniors and juniors ages 14 to 16; free children ages 13 and under. Dunsmuir House and Gardens Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. 510-615-5555 or www.dunsmuir.org

GREENBELT ALLIANCE OUTINGS — A series of hikes, bike rides and events sponsored by Greenbelt Alliance, the Bay Area's non-profit land conservation and urban planning organization. Call for meeting places. Reservations required for all trips. Free. 515-255-3233 or www.greenbelt.org

LINDSAY WILDLIFE MUSEUM — This is the oldest and largest wildlife rehabilitation center in America, taking in 6,000 injured and orphaned animals yearly and returning 40 percent of them to the wild. The museum offers a wide range of educational programs using non-releasable wild animals to teach children and adults respect for the balance of nature. The museum includes a state-of-the-art wildlife hospital that features a permanent exhibit, titled "Living with Nature," which houses 75 non-releasable wild animals in learning environments; a 5,000-square-foot Wildlife Hospital complete with treatment rooms, intensive care, quarantine and laboratory facilities; a 1-acre Nature Garden featuring the region's native landscaping

and wildlife; a Pet Library; and an "Especially For Children" exhibit.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS — "Gorillas in the Lens," through Aug. 29. An exhibit of 34 photographs by Dian Fossey. "Susan Reynolds Landscape Photography," through Sept. 5. An exhibit of 30 images grouped into three series: Mt. Diablo, Death Valley and Wild Landscapes.

Reception, July 11, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Meet the artist and talk with her. Lindsay Wildlife Museum's Pet Library. This unique pet lending library allows members to borrow a rabbit, hamster, guinea pig or rat for one week at a time and see if the care is something a family wants to undertake. \$5 per week plus membership to the museum.

WILDLIFE HOSPITAL — The hospital is open daily including holidays to receive injured and orphaned animals. There is no charge for treatment of native wild animals and there are no public viewing areas in the hospital. Through August: daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

\$6 general; \$5 seniors; \$4 youths ages 3 to 17; free children under age 3. Through Aug. 31: Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1931 First Ave., Walnut Creek. 925-935-1978 or www.wildlife-museum.org

MOUNT DIABLO STATE PARK — SAVE MOUNT DIABLO — A series of hikes and events on and around Mount Diablo to raise public awareness, support and appreciation of open spaces in the area. Free unless otherwise noted. www.savemountdiablo.org

MOUNT DIABLO SUMMIT MUSEUM — Ongoing exhibits chronicle the history of the mountain and capture its majesty. An instructional video examines the geological forces that created the mountain and panel displays describe the Native American history of the region. A diorama provides an overview of the mountain's ecosystems. A number of nature hikes and family activities are also available. Call ahead for the day's activities.

"Public Astronomy Programs," sunset to 12:30 a.m. Public stargazing at the lower summit parking lot. Free; \$5 per vehicle park-entrance fee. Daily, 8 a.m. to sunset. Mount Diablo Scenic Boulevard, Danville. 925-837-2525 or www.mdia.org

OAKLAND ZOO — The zoo includes a Children's Petting Zoo, the Skyride, a miniature train, a carousel, picnic grounds and a gift shop as well as the animals in site-specific exhibits, which allow them to roam freely. Included are "The African Savanna," with its two huge mixed-animal aviaries and 11 African Savanna exhibits; the Mahall Pa Tembo (Place of the Elephant), with African lions, giraffes, chimpanzees and more than 330 other animals from around the world; "Simba Port," Swahili for "Lion Country," a spacious 1.5-acre habitat offering both a savanna and woodland setting for African lions; "Footprints from the Past," an anthropology exhibit showcasing four million years of human evolution and an actual "footpath" of the first hominids to emerge from the African savanna; "Sun Bear Exhibit," a state-of-the-art space the zoo has developed for its two sun bears, and Siamang Island, a state-of-the-art, barrier-free area that emulates the gibbons' native tropical rain forest habitat.

EXHIBITS

"Exploring Madagascar," through Aug. 31. An armchair adventure to the exotic island of Madagascar. Discover strange species and fascinating new territory through photographs and hands-on activities. At the Education Center. Open daily admission. Free with regular admission.

SPECIAL EVENTS — Through July. "Family Sundown Safari," July 10 and July 11; July 24 and July 25. Enjoy a fun and educational experience in the unique environment of the Oakland Zoo. Spend an evening with the animals and camp out in the zoo meadow overnight. This program is best suited for children ages 5 and over although infants and toddlers are welcome to join their siblings. Reservations required. Saturday, 6 p.m., to Sunday, 10 a.m. \$60 to \$75 general; \$40 to \$55 children. 510-632-9525, ext. 100.

"Return to Madagascar: The Land, People and Wildlife 10 Years On," July 15, 6:30 p.m. A lecture by David Parks, physicist and evolutionary biologist at Stanford University. The evening begins with a reception followed by the 7 p.m. lecture. \$8 to \$10 per person. \$8.50 general; \$5 seniors and children ages 2 to 14; free children under age 2; \$4 parking fee. Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Knowland Park, 9777 Golf Links Road, exit off Interstate Highway 580, Oakland. 510-632-9525 or www.oaklandzoo.org

THE USS POTOMAC — The 165-foot presidential yacht USS Potomac was called the "Floating White House" when it was refurbished at the beginning of World War II for use by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The yacht has been restored to its World War-II splendor and visitors may see it docked at the foot of Clay Street. The USS Potomac offers both dockside tours of the ship and two-hour narrated history cruises on Saturdays in August and September.

DOCKSIDE TOURS — The tour takes about an hour and discusses how Franklin Delano Roosevelt used the ship. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$5 general; \$3 seniors; free youths ages 18 and under.

HISTORY CRUISES — "A Sail into History," through Oct. 23. These are narrated two-hour cruises around San Francisco Bay. Emphasis is put on the impact of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's administration had on the Bay Area and surrounding landmarks. There is a 15-minute video shown at the Visitor Center prior to the cruise offering a glimpse of Roosevelt's use of the USS Potomac and how the ship was restored. Complimentary soft drinks, water and coffee are available during the cruise. July 10 and July 24, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; July 15, 11 a.m. \$35 general; \$30 seniors; \$15 youths ages 6 to 18; free children ages 6 and under.

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ROBERTS REGIONAL RECREATION AREA — Within the park's 82 acres are a heated outdoor pool, bathhouse, playing fields, picnic areas and hiking and riding trails. Sea captains once took their bearings from a towering redwood tree on Blossom Rock here. Free. Skyline Boulevard, a half-mile north of Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. 510-562-PARK or www.ebparks.org

ROBERT SIBLEY VOLCANIC REGIONAL PRESERVE — East Bay residents have several volcanoes in their backyard. This park contains Round Top, one of the highest peaks in the Oakland Hills. Free. 6800 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. 510-562-PARK or www.ebparks.org

TILDEN REGIONAL PARK — NATURE AREA "Snake-O-Phobic or Fanatic," July 10, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Get answers, touch scales and learn how to recognize the only poisonous snake in the park. "A Cool Evening Hike," July 10, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. A hike in the dark to discover nocturnal creatures. "Chocolate and Coffee," July 11, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Food facts and fun with

things that grow on trees. Registration required. \$8 to \$10.

"Little Farm Week," July 12 through July 16, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A week on the farm to learn about farm animals, dig, shovel, harvest, cook and get dirty. For ages 8 to 11. Registration required. \$135 to \$149.

"Tilden Tortoises," July 13, 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. A slow-paced hike to explore the natural history of the area. For ages 55 and older.

"Mini-Rangers," July 13, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Learn what it's like to be a ranger with an afternoon of nature study and conservation in the woods and water. Dress to get dirty and bring a healthy snack to share. For ages 8 to 12. Registration required. \$6 to \$8.

"The Liquid of Life," July 18, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Test the quality of water in Jewel Lake and conduct other water experiments.

"Campfire and Sing-A-Long," July 18, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Bring something to cook over an open fire, sing songs and tell stories. Dress for fog. REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN — Guided docent tours of the gardens. Call ahead for times and to confirm tour is on for the day; most Saturdays and Sundays, 2 p.m. Free unless noted otherwise. Entrances off Wildcat Canyon Road and Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. 510-525-2233 or www.ebparks.org

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY BOTANICAL GARDEN — Ongoing. The gardens have displays of exotic and native plants. Botanical Garden Tours, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Tour Orientation Center for a free docent tour.

"Sick Plant Clinic," first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to noon. UC plant pathology and entomology experts will diagnose what ails plants. Free.

\$3 general; \$2 seniors; \$1 children ages 3 to 18; free on Thursday. Through Labor Day: Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed the first Tuesday of every month for maintenance. 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. 510-643-2755 or http://botanical-garden.berkeley.edu/

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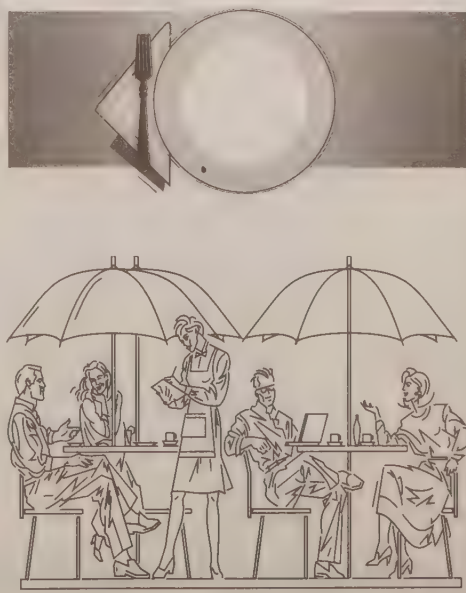
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MAGRITTE'S "PERSONAL VALUES," above, takes up small amount of wall space, while Robert Gober's woody sculpture fills up an entire gallery.

MOMA

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that they collect, not as for traveling shows." Hall "That's the way to really establish their character."

of the country's biggest museums, the Art Institute of Chicago, will begin construction near on a \$198 million addition with 65,000 square feet of space. One goal is to free up space in the existing museum by moving collections that have limited visibility in the past, museum spokeswoman. The UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Center, the senior curator for collections, is devising to reinterpret and exhibit of the 14,000 objects the museum. Most of the time, 80 percent of exhibit space is filled with the collection. These are the resources we have, care for and interpret," said, underlining the museum's role as a teaching resource. "A central part of what we do is ongoing presentation."

Often, works from the museum's holdings can create a "dialogue" with borrowed art or touring shows, Barnes pointed out. A Rubens oil sketch from the collection is inspiring a more extensive Rubens exhibit next year. "It's not just, 'here are another 100 things from our collection,'" Barnes says.

At the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the expansive new exhibits let art tell its own story. Even familiar paintings and sculpture look fresh in these insightful arrangements, which director Benezra calls "the first rethinking of the collection" since the building opened in 1995. Alexander Calder's delicate wire construction "Two Spheres Within a Sphere" (1931) looks as if it leaped out of Joan Miro's painting "Dawn Perfumed by a Shower of Gold" (1954), hanging nearby. Two paintings by Piet Mondrian and Ellsworth Kelly,



although they're considered artists from different eras, connect their inspiration.

One of the best-known paintings from the museum's permanent collection, Diego Rivera's "The Flower Carrier" (1935) is flanked by his "Indian Girl With Coral Necklace" (1926) and Frida Kahlo's "Frieda and Diego Rivera" (1931). Overlooking them is African-American sculptor Sargent Johnson's "Forever Free" (1933).

Now, one gallery offers a survey of paintings by Bay Area artists who came to the forefront in the 1950s, among them Bruce Conner, David Park and Joan Brown. In their midst, sculptor Robert Arneson's "California

Artist" self-portrait (1982) returns to the floor like a sentinel.

Contemporary art almost literally breaks through the museum's fifth floor: Anish Kapoor's gigantic, bell-like "Hole" (1988) looks as if it fell through the ceiling from the sky. The 23-foot-high ceilings in these galleries are just what's needed for the conceptual art of the '80s and '90s, since we're looking up and down at it, walking through and around it.

Robert Gober's astonishing environment (1992) fills all four walls of one gallery, which is transformed (by theatrical scene painters) into a woody outdoor scene — punctured by a prison window. Gordon Matta-Clark's

"Splitting Four Corners" (1974) is made up of four upper corners sliced from a condemned house in New Jersey, with space to walk between them and contemplate the "security" of home.

Kara Walker's cut paper silhouettes (1999) depicting the violence of the slavery era in almost satirical style now wrap around an entire gallery like a cyclorama. The title, abbreviated, is "No Mere Words Can Adequately Reflect the Remorse This Negress Feels."

These reappraisals of museum collections won't completely replace the blockbuster touring shows. When the de Young Museum reopens in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park next year —

Oct. 15, 2005 is the expected date — the new building won't be the only star.

The big opening exhibit "Daughter of Re" will focus on Hatshepsut, the female pharaoh of Egypt in the 1400s B.C. The galleries will be filled with what the museum expects to be a "vast treasure" of statues, sculpture and jewelry. It will be a new building but on the same site where the treasures of King Tut began the era of museum blockbusters 25 years ago.

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Shotgun

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style, with looming sets and full period costumes. Last winter, the troupe's ambitious production yet, "The Death of Meyer," played to packed houses won a San Francisco Bay Critics Circle award. But just about the time the troupe could be raising ticket prices, the Shotgun Players are something completely different — they are offering their performances on a "pay what you can" model. Also known as the hat, the performance's end, the troupe circulate a basket and Shotgun drops in some cash. Says Dooley, "I wanted to have to make a decision about what the experience is worth to them."

It's a one-year experiment, so far, it's paying off. In the last year, the Shotgun Players have expanded their subscriber base annually about 10 percent, but since they initiated the pass the hat concept, subscriptions doubled. Dooley is thrilled about that, because it means that the company values an organization making theater free. He

says, "You want to live in a community where your neighbors can go see art."

Is it a sustainable strategy? "This is a special town," says Dooley. "If we can do it anywhere, we can do it in Berkeley."

But Dooley studied both economics and English during his academic life. "I was always aware that it is 'show — business,'" he says, emphasizing both words.

And yet, the company feels more like a family, or a community, than a business. They all take turns manning the box office, cleaning the bathroom, hanging lights. And when four of the members had babies this year, the Players pitched in and brought meals to the new parents. He acknowledges that most workplaces aren't like that. "Churches provide that," says Dooley. "We're able to be an extension of family, or for some, their closest connections."

And the family feeling extends far beyond the stage.

"When I look at our mailing list of 5,000, I know almost every name," says Dooley. The Players have been invited into the lives of their longtime subscribers.

"Once, I even got a two-page letter from the daughter of a patron who had passed away. Two pages! It's an honor to be included in a circle like that."

And so, the Shotgun Players continue their experiment, converting one person at a time to the virtues of live theater. Why? Dooley says that we live in an increasingly isolated world, where entertainment too often equals sedation. "We believe that having our imaginations activated is going to drain us somehow," he says. But Dooley insists that the opposite happens.

"Going out as a community and experiencing a piece of live theater can nurture you," he says passionately, a hint of his Southern accent sneaking into his speech. "It can bring you closer to your brothers and sisters." And to children, and your neighbor, and the guy who lives on the other side of town. It seems an appropriate message to spread from a place that was a church in its past life.

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Multimedia Notes

Floating city brings home reality of war

IHADN'T SET EYES on the old gal since the 1950s, when just the sight of her from a distance captured my imagination.

I finally visited the U.S.S. Hornet in Alameda the other day, and now I wish I hadn't waited so long. If you want to see an example of U.S. military power up close, this is it. Even with much of her flight deck torn up, the Hornet is still an awesome, memorable sight. The old warhorse is small compared to today's carriers — just under 900 feet, as compared to the 1,100-foot U.S.S. Ronald Reagan. But standing on Hornet's flight deck, it still seems huge. That's three football fields long.

The Reagan, with its 5,000-person crew, is roughly the same size as Sebastopol. That's a lot of American presence and military power to project anywhere overseas. It helps put our force in Iraq in perspective.

Hornet was a floating American city, as all U.S. carriers are — and a floating airport. Even today, it's easy to visualize all those warplanes taking off and landing, and incoming kamikazes. I'm a licensed pilot, but I can't imagine landing on a bobbing flight deck, and the courage and skill that would take.

My Army-officer father was stationed at Pearl Harbor. We were apparently the only Army family on the base; I took a lot of kidding from the Navy kids about that.

Each week, Dad would take us down to the harbor to see which warships were in port, and it was always the carriers that stood out. Back then, I knew all their silhouettes by heart — the Hornet, the Essex, the Boxer, etc.

They were docked out at Ford's Island, near the rusting, forlorn-looking stacks of the sunken U.S.S. Arizona (there was no memorial yet).

Growing up in Hawaii, I was awe-struck then by the Hornet, and it's still an awesome experience today. I recommend a visit to the ship for everyone, no matter your political beliefs or feelings about the military.

Seeing those two flight-briefing rooms on the Hornet and the photos on the wall personalizes war — even one 60 years ago — far more than TV coverage or "embeds" ever will. Seeing Hornet's operating room does the same thing — it's a reminder that real people bled and suffered and died in war, in this room.

The old carrier reduces the distance between ourselves and our country's military that we have today, when American kids (usually from a different economic class) are fighting and dying 5,000 miles away while we run to the store for milk.

You may not like this current war — and I don't — but it IS war. And the Hornet's real value is putting a human face on combat and killing. It makes it seem real, even as it sits in that pleasant, sunny Alameda berth today.

Seeing the Hornet does not "glorify" war: The ship's volunteer docents (carrier vets) won't tell you there's anything romantic about fighting and dying.

The Hornet was an awesome killing machine, just as the U.S. military is today. It never hurts to be reminded of that.

ANCHOR'S AWAY: KPPIX news anchor Kate Kelly has decided to take another leave of absence to spend more time with her two sons. Channel 5 says that when Kate does return in a few months, it will probably be in a reduced role. Dana King moves into Kate's 5 p.m. co-anchor spot.

Reach Bill Mann at News-mann@sonic.net



PATRICK DOOLEY is the artistic director at The Ashby Stage in Berkeley where he sits with his new daughter, Penelope.

Shotgun Players host 'fun-raiser'

■ The annual Spendalicious Silent Auction Family Reunion and Supperganza is Saturday

By Suzanne LaFetra
CORRESPONDENT

BERKELEY — Patrick Dooley knows a lot about family. For one thing, he's cradling his brand new baby daughter, a peaceful, wrinkly Penelope.

Dooley met his wife and closest friends at the Shotgun Players Theater Company. He's sitting in the skylighted office of the Ashby Stage, his other new baby. He passes a sleeping Penelope to one of the Players, who is addressing invitations in the bright room, and walks down the stairs into the belly of the church-turned-theater.

Dooley is the artistic director for the Shotgun Players, a theater troupe in Berkeley that has been together for a baker's dozen years. He settles himself into one of the church pews that now serves as seating in the Ashby Stage and beams at his company's new digs. Dooley's mom recently bought the building (formerly known as the

IF YOU GO

WHAT: SASSAFRAS: Shotgun's annual Spendalicious Silent Auction Family Reunion and Supperganza

WHEN: Saturday, July 10, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

WHERE: The Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Avenue, at the corner of MLK in Berkeley

HOW MUCH: Sliding scale \$12-\$112

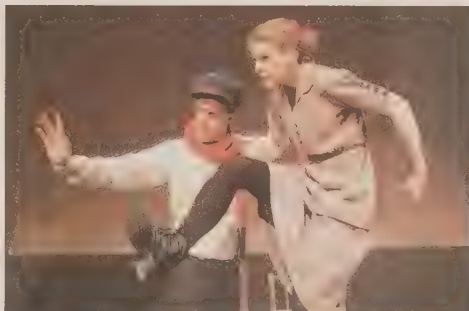
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Transparent Theater) as an investment property, and the Shotgun Players have just signed a 30-year lease.

On Saturday, July 10, the Shotgun Players are hosting a housewarming party.

Shotgun's annual Spendalicious Silent Auction Family Reunion and Supperganza promises to be a "fun raiser" with plenty of fried chicken, homemade entertainment and the circle of community the Shotgun Players have nurtured.

But the Shotgun Players are more than just a nice bunch of folks. They also are talented, creative, and put out increasingly



THE EPIC "The Death of Meyerhold," starring Cassidy Brown and Beth Wilmurt, has been Shotgun's most ambitious production to date.

well regarded theater. Says Dooley, "We try to be a community theater that isn't community theater."

You won't find "The Music Man" on their roster. The Shotgun Players put on the lesser-known plays of well-known playwrights, a strategy that is partially responsible for making the Shotgun Players rising stars in a town that is already shining with theater.

The next production is Bertolt Brecht's "The Caucasian

Chalk Circle," offered in a free preview Sunday in John Hinkel Park, a parable about a child claimed as her own by two mothers. It was inspired by the Chinese play "Chalk Circle." The play opens officially July 17 and runs through Aug. 29 (call the main number for more information).

In April, Shotgun presented Moliere's "The Miser," with Dooley directing in commedia dell'

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Permanent collection gets breathing space

By Robert Taylor
STAFF WRITER

WHEN Neal Benezra arrived two years ago to take over as director of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, he walked floor to floor, gallery to gallery, show to show. "I walked from one show to another and never really saw the museum's collection," he said. "These great acquisitions — where are they?"

Now Benezra can see where they are, in the newly configured galleries that double the space to exhibit the museum's permanent collection. The museum's lofty fifth floor has been cleared of temporary shows and now offers space for contemporary art, created since the 1960s, to stretch out.

Many paintings and sculptures are being shown to the public for the first time in years, and even familiar works by such modern masters as Josef Albers and Yves Klein gain from the new arrangement. On two full floors, there's room for the art to breathe.

"A great museum is measured by its collection," Benezra said as he led visitors through a preview of the expanded exhibits last week. "It's kind of crazy to have great things and not have been able to show them."

Benezra is just one of the nation's museum directors dipping into long-held collections, looking for rarely seen treasures, and promoting recent acquisitions. With leaner budgets and a downturn in donations, they're trying to create a museum identity that doesn't depend on expensive touring shows.

Blockbuster shows, such as SF-MOMA's Chagall retrospective



THE SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF MODERN ART is dedicating two floors to its permanent collection. Above are Barry McGee's drawings, and below right is Robert Arneson's "California Artist."

and the art deco exhibit closing today at the Legion of Honor, still draw thousands of visitors, many of them infrequent museum patrons. But transportation and security costs have soared.

"This doesn't mean that we're not going to do major touring shows, but I don't think we need quite so many," Benezra said.

It's not just a matter of money, but establishing the museum's identity to the public. "If the collection is great, they'll come. I think the collection merits it."

Benezra is not alone. In the economic downturn of the past few years, many museums have looked for ways to save money

without shortchanging the public. The Museum of Modern Art is just one institution looking into its own collection for a solution.

"One factor could be hard economic times," said Jason Hall, public affairs director of the American Association of Museums. "It is, of course cheaper to put up your own works than literally pay the freight for a traveling show."

Museums are also eager to reinforce their own identity — their specific style of collecting or the way they reflect their community.

"That really establishes their character. They want to be seen

HIGHLIGHTS

Many works are getting their first showing, or first in many seasons, at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Among them:

■ Henri Matisse's circa 1910 drawing, "Marguerite in Three Poses."

■ Georgia O'Keeffe's 1922 painting, "Lake George," formerly known as "Reflection Seascape."

■ Robert Rauschenberg's 1998 "Port of Entry," a 10-by-15-foot collage of American images.

■ Kara Walker's 1999 cyclorama depicting, in silhouettes, scenes from the American slavery era.



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

'Cinderella' worth a look

"CINDERELLA classic folk tale, with its comeuppance, has received countless tellings before, in times, and many more, as opera, ballet, animation, musical comedy, and including Jerry Lewis' reversing 1960 "Cinderella" where a princess comes for him, not with a glass slipper but with a patent leather shoe. Folks, we are spared not.

But, after seeing Pinole Community Players' dazzling production, ending next week, I am convinced that for music, overflowing joy, and beats a well-done, domestic production, touched with sheen of professional community theater, this is the top of its form.

Take bows Pinole Community Players: Amy Ojeda (Cinderella) and Andrew Savine (Prince). Making standout debut performances on Pinole's stage, Almeida (fairy godmother) and a trio of really over-the-top family members, Anna (stepmother), and Anjel (stepfather) and Paulette (stepmother).

Brett Parsons and Sherry Oglesby-Smith are props as the King and Queen, and Kyle Johnson as Lionel, a comic turn as the Prince, and court confidant.

The pace and color of Rodgers and Hammerstein's version also owes to Tammara Plankers, director; Patti Clark, producer; musical director; Jane B. choreographer; John H. scenic designer, and a team you-won't-believe-you-are-tune designers, headed by Medernach, Carla Pollack, Plankers (doing double duty).

Hull and crew's main painted in eyeball-arresting colors like a child's coloring book, captures the Pinole Players' show and elements the splendid color. And there's a pumpkin that tickles the imagination.

Here's a tidbit for film fans, trivia scrummers, Cinderellophiles: An animated O-gram version, dubbed by Walt Disney, released on Dec. 6, 1937, about seven minutes less than when animation was in infancy, and six years before big-eared mouse made appearance in a cartoon called "Steamboat Willie."

Catch "Cinderella" at Fridays and Saturdays, July 17, with matinees on Sunday July 11 and day July 17. Tickets at general admission, \$10; seniors and students with Cabaret seating; all served with pre-payment; playhouse is at 601 Teasdale Ave., Pinole. Call 510-777-7777.

'FIDDLER,' AT 40, Alameda Light Opera's "Broadway East Bay" season opens with "Fiddler on the Roof" age 40, one of the best and most durable fixtures of American musical theater.

That's interesting, because of a rather iffy opening on Broadway in 1964, the inimitable Zero Mostel as Tevye. Critics wondered if "Fiddler" was too "ethnic" to broad audience.

"Ha!," as Tevye might say, "It is to laugh."

Since then, the musical played all over the world, one anecdote is enlightening.

When "Fiddler" was in Japan, the story goes, the theatergoer asked how to be a show written by Arnold about Jews — because, "it is so Japanese."

After four decades, it's surprising that a number of members of the ACLC did the show before. Tevye, George Maurya, played last May in Sunnyvale. Glimo as Goldie reprised role she played at the Playhouse in 2000, under direction of Jeff Teague, who directing the ACLC production.

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Section D

CHERYL JENSEN
Down the Road

Posting Safety for Pedestrians

CHERYL JENSEN
MOTOR MATTERS

Decades, automakers have been making vehicles safer for their passengers, largely due to the need for federal regulations. The result: people riding in vehicles protected by several tons of steel, restrained by seat belts and protected by airbags in a crash. On the other hand, automakers are increasingly working to make their vehicles more pedestrian-friendly should they have a unfortunate encounter with a ve-

h pedestrian deaths reach the level of almost 4,808 pedestrians were injured, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. That's a pedestrian death every 18 minutes and pedestrian deaths every 7 minutes.

European governments are pushing automakers to design vehicles to minimize the injuries to pedestrians starting in 2006. The Japanese have proposed pedestrian safety regulations, but the United States has no such regulations.

While this regulatory gap, automakers, including the working pedestrian protection into their vehicles.

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THE 2005 MODEL is the third generation of the Outback. Equipped with all-wheel drive, this vehicle combines four-wheel drive traction with the comfort of a sedan

Subaru designs 2005 Outback as the ultimate crossover vehicle

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

Question: What's bigger, better, bolder and more comfortable to drive? If you answered the 2005 Subaru Outback, you're right.

The bigger is reflected in the wheelbase that has been increased nearly an inch, and the overall length by nearly 2 inches. This is hardly noticeable without a tape measure, but the increased dimensions is one of the reasons for the improved ride comfort.

The exterior has also been redesigned to give the Outback a

more forceful appearance. It's now wedge-shaped with distinctive aerodynamic sides.

The new look sets the scene for the better performance resulting from two new engines. The Outback 2.5 XT now has a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine producing 250 horsepower. The Outback 3.0 R has a 3.0-liter six-cylinder boxer engine also producing 250 horsepower. That's an increase of 38 horsepower over the previous model — and the improved acceleration is obvious.

The 2005 model is the third gen-

CONNIE KEANE
Keane on Wheels

eration of the Outback that was introduced in 1996, another in 2000. Equipped with all-wheel drive — a Subaru tradition — this vehicle has been the answer to those who like the idea of four-wheel drive traction on sport utility vehicles but really prefer the comfort of a sedan. In that sense, the Outback is the ultimate crossover wagon.

Taking the ultimate one step further, the Outback 3.0 R L.L.Bean edition is loaded with comforts. It costs \$32,195 and comes so well equipped there isn't much need for adding options.

This edition — which was the one I tested — is recognizable by its front underguard. It also has a special alloy wheel design and some colors that are exclusively for the L.L. Bean Edition.

As for safety, the 2005 Outback now includes front seat side-impact airbags and side curtain airbags for additional protection for passengers

both front and rear. These bags also include dual stage deployment which means that the front airbags can detect both the weight of the front seat passenger and the driver's distance from the bag. Should it be necessary, it will deploy at the optimum strength.

Another improvement is in the handling. The steering is quite responsive and turns smooth and effortlessly. I'm told that the Subaru engineers made a stiffer unitized body structure composed of both

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aluminum and high-strength steel and have incorporated all the advanced construction techniques. I couldn't see any of this, but I could feel the results: a solid, quiet-riding, easy-to-handle vehicle.

I'm also told the ground clearance has been increased too, so that my tester had 8.4 inches of clearance. Good for those who might want to venture off-road, but I didn't have the opportunity.

Sitting behind the wheel, it didn't seem like the type of vehicle I'd take off road. The L.L. Bean Edition has more the feel of an upscale luxury sedan.

But the wagon proved useful when I had to haul square cement blocks. I simply opened the rear and loaded them without having to lift over a trunk opening.

Had I needed to use the Outback for

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Torque	219 @ 4,200 rpm
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Height	62 inches
Curb Weight	3,600 pounds
Fuel Capacity	17 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 19/25

off-road purpose, I could have used the tie-down rack for carrying extra cargo.

My tester included a lot of amenities such as an engine immobilizer, tire monitoring system, auto-dimming rearview mirror with a compass, rear seat armrest, and two-tone dark taupe leather-trimmed up-

holstery with taupe bolsters.

It even had a cargo tray that I was able to remove and hose down after unloading the cement blocks.

Second question: What's another name for a comfortable all-around workhorse? Did you say Outback?

Summer driving demands correct grade of fuel

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Q With gas prices so high I'm tempted to try a lower grade of fuel than the premium my car calls for.

Is this safe? What are the pitfalls?
Jim Sadler, Cupertino, Calif.

A I wouldn't do this, especially during the summer heat.

Your engine needs the specified high-octane fuel to avoid engine-damaging detonation (violent combustion). The impressive horsepower output of many recent engines unfortunately comes at a price.

Q I have a 1991 Ford Crown Victoria LX four-door. When I push the lock button the back doors will lock but the front doors won't do a thing.

I can't even lock them with a key! What's wrong?

A Ford dealer said it takes an hour and a half to remove each panel and both solenoids have to be replaced.

Someone suggested I call a salvage yard. The man there said I should check the fuses. Which of them is right?

Myron Meddows, Lebanon, Ill.

A Myron, your clear description of the problem makes this an easy one.

BRAD BERGHOLDT
Auto QnA

All four of the Crown Vic's electric door lock actuators are fused and switched as a group. So if the rear actuators work, we can rule out these parts and much of the wiring.

My hunch is that you were referred to the salvage yard as a possible source of replacement lock actuators.

But since these parts are a bit temperamental and time-consuming to replace, I'd lean toward new OEM (original equipment manufacturer) replacements, should they be proven faulty.

Power door lock actuators aren't solenoids, but small reversible electric motors with a worm screw or rack and pinion that transfers rotary motion to about an inch of lever movement.

When actuated they quickly push or pull on a rod connected to the door latch, often making an audible "clunk" sound.

These parts reside within each door, about six inches below the latch assembly.

You mentioned the locks are also inoperative when using the key. This makes the

door latch the most probable suspect, rather than the lock actuators.

Step one in the door-lock-doesn't-work flowchart within the Ford Body/Chassis shop manual says to spray a penetrating lubricant into the latch opening and cycle the latch (open and close the door) 10 times.

I'd then try gently twisting the key back and forth a dozen times or so, hoping things loosen up. If this fails to do the trick, repeat the process the following day.

If the lubrication treatment fails to fix the problem, it'll be necessary to remove each door trim panel for further inspection. The door lock actuator linkage can be temporarily disengaged, ruling it out as a possible cause of binding.

Next, the lock cylinder, lock linkage and door latch are inspected for possible faults. Replacement of any of these parts should fall easily within the dealer's estimate of an hour and a half per door.

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Road

FROM PAGE D1

The parts of a vehicle most unfriendly to pedestrians are the front bumper, the leading edge of the hood, the hood itself, the headlights, the windshield and the area surrounding the windshield.

As vehicles have become more aerodynamic, the hoods have been lowered, placing them closer to the engine. That cuts the vehicle's resistance to the wind, reducing wind noise and improving fuel economy a bit, but it also makes a hard, unfriendly surface for a human head.

One of the key goals in pedestrian protection is to minimize the chance of head injuries, and one tactic automakers are using is to design hoods that act more as cushions than as concrete blocks.

In 1998, Honda introduced a new type of safety body that was designed to help protect pedestrians.

First, the hood is designed

to absorb impact energy with increased space between the hood and what engineers call "hard points" under it, such as the engine. Honda engineers aim for about 2 inches between the hood and engine. Hood hinges are also collapsible to absorb impact energy.

The top of the fender is another spot that can cause serious head injuries. Instead of bolting the fender directly to the frame, which results in a hard mounting point without any give, the new Honda design uses a crushable bracket to attach the fender to the frame, allowing the bracket to collapse or give.

The area just below the windshield, known as the cowl, is designed to crumple on impact to absorb energy. The windshield wipers and the wiper pivot are designed to break off in a collision with a pedestrian's head, making it less likely to crack or pierce the skull.

Last October, American

Honda Motor Co. announced plans to apply advanced safety technologies — including features designed to reduce pedestrian injuries — to the full range of Honda and Acura products over the next several years.

But the company reports that many of its vehicles already have features aimed at protecting pedestrians, starting with the 2001 Honda Civic; 2002 Honda CR-V and Acura RSX; 2003 Honda Pilot, Element, Accord; and the 2004 Acura TSX and TL.

While Honda may have the widest range of pedestrian-friendly models in the U.S., it is not completely alone.

The hood of the 2003 Volvo XC90 sport utility was designed with no less than 3.1 inches of clearance between the hood and the engine, so that the hood has space to give before

a person's head hits the engine. The all-new Volvo S40 has an energy-absorbing structure ahead of the bumper to help reduce the risk of leg injuries.

Also, the hood and front fenders are designed to absorb collision energy to reduce the risk of head injuries.

Mazda's 2004 RX-8 sports car has what it calls a "shock cone aluminum hood" which is made up of an impact-absorbing structure — an inner panel across the surface of the RX-8's aluminum hood.

These automakers will be far ahead in meeting the specified levels of pedestrian protection in the new European standards.

And an unintended benefit of those new standards is that vehicles sold here will be safer for people who set foot off a curb — since those models are likely to arrive in the U.S. with the same design.

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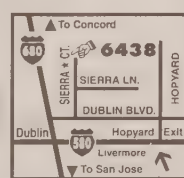
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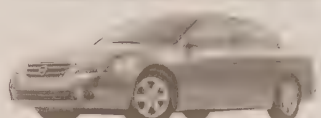
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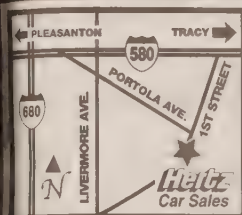
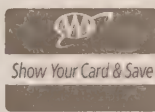
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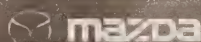
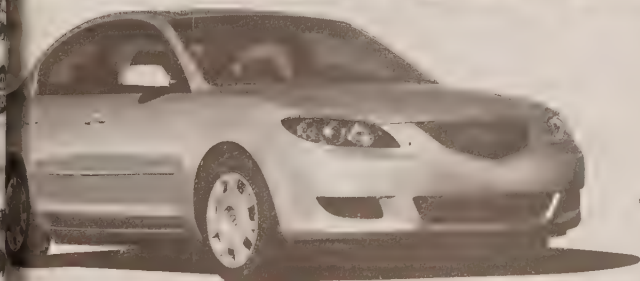
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Back when Packard still ruled the automotive roost, young Thomas Brooks was matriculating at Fordham University in New York and Clare Cadyre was a student at the nearby College of Mount Saint Vincent.

They married and many years after a career in the Navy, a 1955 Packard Caribbean entered their lives. Their son, Patrick, saw the car advertised on the Internet in the autumn of 2003. Knowing of his father's affection for Packards, he dutifully reported his find to his father and the rest is history.

The Internet bids never met the seller's minimum. Soon afterward, Brooks contacted the seller in Davenport, Iowa, and learned some of the car's sketchy past. He was told the car was sold new to a Texas woman who died a few years later. It sat unused for several years before an Arkansas man became the second owner.

Eventually, the otherwise well-maintained Packard was involved in an accident that severely damaged the front end. After the Davenport man became the third owner, he dismantled the car and began an eight-year restoration project. When the work was completed, he showed the handsome three-tone convertible for five years, winning prizes across the country.

Emily Wilchar, a Davenport resident, is Brooks' sister. She volunteered, along with her husband and son, to give the Packard a cursory inspection. They gave the car a sterling report and Brooks booked a flight so he could see the car firsthand.

"It had been a show car," Brooks says, "and it lived in a trailer." Cosmetically, it looked like a million dollars, but Brooks knows that some show cars are only suitable to be driven on and off the trailer. He insisted on a test drive.

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Fortunately, the traffic was light that day because when Brooks stepped on the brake pedal, nothing happened. He applied all the force he could muster and the heavy car began to slow. "It was like dragging an anchor behind," the former naval officer said.

Despite that mishap, he bought the car in October 2003 with two caveats. The brake vacuum booster had to be rebuilt and the seller would arrange transportation to Brooks' Virginia home.

A month later an enormous truck unloaded the Packard at a nearby shopping center parking lot. The fourth owner started the engine and, although it was not functioning properly, he drove the Packard home.

In 1955, Packard manufactured only 500 Caribbean convertible models. Brooks owns Caribbean No. 361, a three-tone color combination Packard called Sapphire, Zircon and White Jade. Packard gave the colors names of jewels.

Brooks says the Packard sold new for a staggering base price of \$5,962, with virtually everything standard except air conditioning and chrome wire wheels. Neither option is on his car.

The dark-blue dashboard is padded and the upholstered seats are original, a testament to the garaged care the Packard has always received. The face of the dashboard is a gold-washed mesh.



Either end of the dashboard houses an ash tray, as does each of the rear-seat armrests.

The massive Packard rides on a 127-inch wheelbase and is an inch and a half shy of 18 feet long from the front bumper bullets to the exhaust ports in the rear bumper. It is 6 feet, 6 inches wide and 5 feet, 2 inches tall.

"With a tank of gasoline and two passengers, she weighs in at 3 tons," the owner says.

The Twin Ultramatic transmission, however, is a bit on the sluggish side. "Steering the big car is very effective and very good," Brooks says.

He explains the amount of power assist is proportional to the speed of the car. That's a common concept today but it was not so in 1955. Given enough time to accelerate, he says, "she'll fly."

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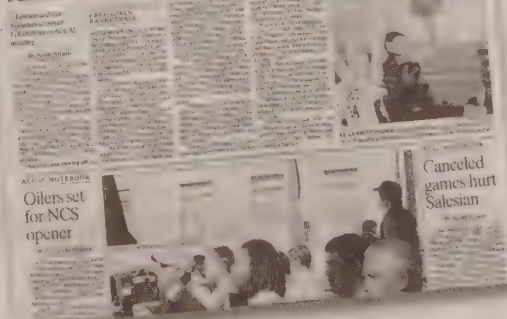
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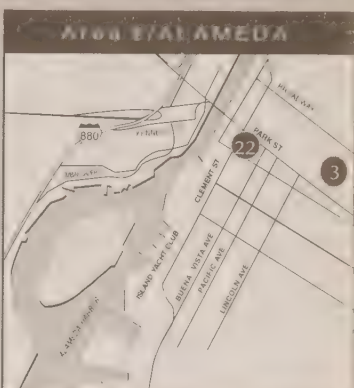
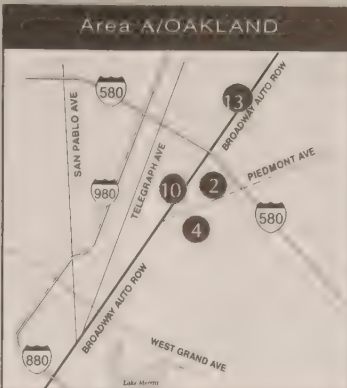
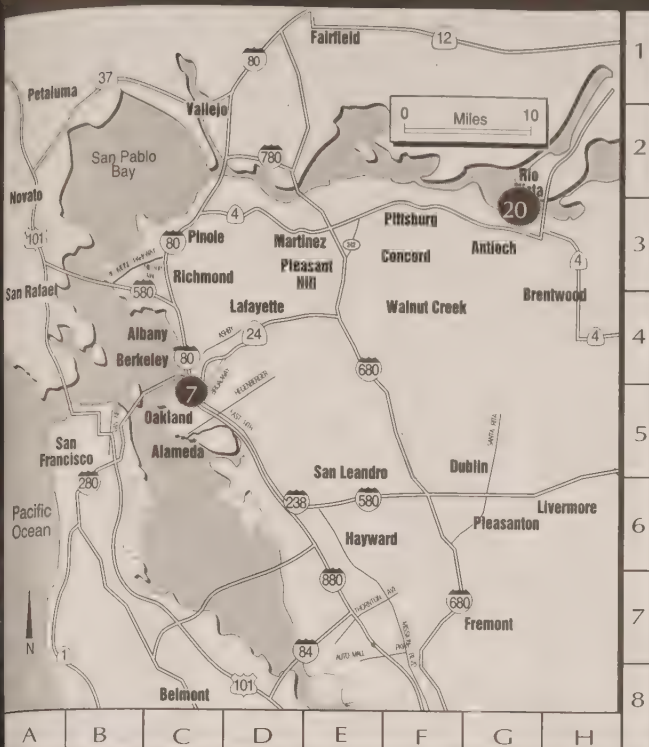
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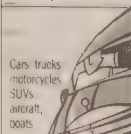


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ple are having fun with Kleinman says. "Some get together to celebrate a birthday and have a 'queen

party,' including a cake with a crown, and enjoy themselves."

Even men and children are don- ing aprons and getting into the act, she says.

A friend of hers who recently turned 50 had a party for 70 people. The centerpiece was a cake of many layers, each created by different fam- ily members or friends. This tribute was tangible acknowledgment of her importance in dozens of lives. It was as if each baker were saying, "I'm celebrating the day of your birth be- cause I'm so glad you were born and became part of my life." Talk about affirmation.

Special birthday cake recipes often carry within them the seeds of the baker's own life. Some of the recipes in this section were sug- gested by staff members who have made them for adult gatherings many times, and remember how much pleasure they gave friends and family.

I first made coffee-cream cake when I was a college exchange stu- dent in Wales in the 1970s. The nat- urally moist concoction, seeped in coffee flavor, was a great hit with my friends and future husband. It was one of the first cakes I ever made, from one of the first cookbooks I ever bought, "Hamlyn All-Colour Cook Book" (now out of print).

So when I grab that aging guide to make this recipe for someone I love, it brings back a flood of mem- ories. As I make the cake, I'm giving the recipient a piece of my youth and innocence along with my labor.

Not to mention the wisdom that comes with decades of hard-won experience. Over the years I've oc- casionally doubled the recipe for a more dramatic presentation; two layers are always better than one, especially with whipped cream in the middle.

I've learned to add a few table- spoons of confectioners' sugar to the original British frosting of whipped heavy cream with vanilla extract,

since American diners are used to sweeter fare.

I've found ways to cut corners — by buying ready-made coffee syrup and heating it, for example — and I've found ways not to cut corners. (Don't ask.)

Because it is a product of trial and error, creativity and dogged attention to detail, this cake also is a micro- cosm of who I am and how I've lived. When I hand it over to someone with candles alight, it celebrates both our lives. And what could be more "adult" than that?

Cake-making corners you shouldn't cut

It's sooooo tempting ... Your time is limited, and it seems like such an innocent recipe step to truncate or skip altogether. Surely you can get away with it — just this once. Maybe, maybe not. Here are some cake- making steps experts say you shouldn't consider optional:

■ Sift when the recipe says sift. "Otherwise you'll have too much flour, and the cake will be drier, not as light and fluffy," says Kathryn Kleinman, who collected and photographed recipes for "Birthday Cakes: Recipes and Memories from Celebrated Bakers" (Chronicle Books).

If the recipe doesn't specify sif- ting, take the time to stir the flour in the bag or canister with a spoon be- fore you measure it.

"If you just dip a cup into the flour, it will be too packed and you'll use too much," Kleinman says.

■ Even when the cake pan is nonstick, grease and flour it if the recipe calls for it. "All the bakers I know do that," Kleinman says.

■ Hunt for fresh ingredients rather than frozen, even if you're pressed for time. Jim McMillan, owner of Tiffany's Bakery and Eatery in Columbia, S.C., points to local grocery store practices as an example.

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COFFEE AND WHIPPED CREAM birthday cake adds flavor to a special day.

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Beyond the brick path: Custom looks from pavers

Typically associated with traditional, formal landscaping and scenic drives through the many historic districts of our nation, clay paving brick is, increasingly, the choice of homeowners looking to add a bit of timeless beauty to their landscapes.

While century-old brick streets are still in use in towns across America, the residential use of genuine clay pavers is an exciting new trend in landscaping for new construction, as well as existing homes. Homeowners are realizing that brick pavers are at home in any setting. Today, brick pavers are being used to create landscapes — driveways, walkways, patios, porches and more — for a wide spectrum of homes, from palatial to cozy and from ultra-modern to traditional.

The variety of textures, colors, patterns and applications of pavers make it possible for homeowners to transform almost any landscape from the ordinary into the extraordinary. And, like traditional "face brick," their installation is more art than science, resulting in endless design possibilities for masons, architects and creative do-it-yourselfers. So what's really hot in the paving world today and why do genuine clay pavers continue to rise in popularity?

Types of clay pavers

Genuine clay pavers come in several different shapes and sizes, allowing the consumer more freedom in designing a specialized look. Each type of paver has its unique strengths and characteristics, making some more suitable for a specific project than others. Major paver categories include:

Relieved edge pavers: With beveled or rounded edges, these rectangular or square pavers are ideal for mortarless, sand-set installation and often include spacer ribs.

They are tough enough for driveways, but also popular for non-vehicular applications.

Traditional edge pavers: Ranging in thickness from standard 2-1/4 down to a 1-1/4 thin variety, these rectangular-shaped, square-edge pavers are the most economical and thus, most commonly used paver for residential landscaping. Often used for patios and garden pathways, traditional edge pavers are easily laid in a variety of interesting patterns.

Molded pavers: The paver industry's premium product, these popular antique-look pavers are made individually, using a traditional wood-mold process. There are also less expensive varieties which achieve their Old World look through a tumbling process either before or after firing. The slight irregularities in the shape of these brick add to their charm and make them well suited for simple patterns like running bond.

Specialty pavers: These include a variety of unusual pavers used to create custom looks for special needs. One such product is Whitacre Greer's boardwalk paver, long, narrow paving bricks that mimic the look of wood, but provide the durability of genuine clay pavers. Other specialty shapes are the "dog bone" and pentagon pavers. For an area that will receive heavier vehicular traffic, road pavers would be a specialty paver worth considering.

Bull-nose paver: This curved edged paver is perfect for areas like curbs or step treads where you want to leave a bit of overhang, while its beveled edge provides an interesting, slightly indented appearance between pavers.

Texture and color

Like face brick, clay pavers come in a multitude of colors and textures, and because the color in a clay paver is "through and through," clay

pavers never fade the way concrete pavers do. Color combinations range from the softest buff to the darkest charcoal, most mirroring a rich palette derived from clay's natural earth tones. With many manufacturers producing palettes of more than 50 colors.

Pavers not only come in a variety of colors, but also in a variety of blended colors. One of the most popular blends is full-range flashed red which includes numerous shades of red accented with charcoals and browns and different shades of red and is offered by most manufacturers.

Textures impact the appearance of the finished project, playing just as important a role as color. "Extruded pavers, known for their regularity, provide for a more precise, clean and smooth appearance," according to Tom Perry, Vice President of Marketing for the Brick Industry Association. However, he advises homeowners to also "consider molded pavers, which take on a charmingly irregular texture, for designs inclined toward the rustic or antique."

Design and installation

To mortar or not to mortar? That is the question. The answer, according to Pine Hall Brick's Paver Business Director Ted Conway, is one of the biggest misconceptions about clay pavers. "While most people think the clay pavers have to be laid on a concrete base with mortar, the reality is quite different. In fact, 90 percent of clay pavers are laid using mortarless sand systems," says Conway.

After choosing the color, shape, size and texture of the paver, pattern options provide further room for a unique portrayal through design. The more precisely cut the brick, and hence the more regular, the easier it

is to lay more complex patterns.

Many pattern options already exist, but basically, the pattern can deviate from the standard and conform to anything the designer desires. Those who like some guidance can choose from the tried and true patterns listed below:

- Basket Weave
- Stack Bond
- Herringbone Running Bond

Tools for do-it-yourselfers

It is also worth mentioning that paver manufacturers offer a variety of tools which simplify the installation process. These tools and products are worth looking into, especially if the job is being completed by a do-it-yourselfer.

One such product is a versatile edging which can be rigid or flexible, resists frost, rust, warp and deterioration. It adapts to either small or large projects and can be installed before or after the pavers are installed. Other tools include a layout square, a paver splitter, gloves designed for handling pavers, or even Pave Tech's Paver Paw, which can pick up pavers 6- to 10-inches wide.

One tool no do-it-yourselfer should be without is BIA's handy brochure entitled "Seven Easy Steps to Installing Your Own Walkway, Driveway and Patio Without Mortar or Concrete". A Web version of BIA's brochure can be found at <http://www.brickinfo.org/pdfs/7steps.pdf>.

Decisions, decisions, decisions

Still not ready to transform your landscape with brick? The design advantages are clear, but other more practical benefits should be considered as well.

Clay pavers provide more strength than regular concrete surfaces. Endurance capabilities will



THIS CLASSIC BRICK driveway welcomes visitors and homeowners with gracious style.

keep your brick standing the test of time, a claim supported by the fact that there are thousands of brick streets still intact after hundreds, and in some cases, thousands, of years. They are also much less likely to crack than concrete surfaces.

Aesthetically, pavers add instant curb appeal to any property, a factor which translates into increased resale value when it's time to sell your home.

Genuine clay pavers come from the earth, representing a fusion of the primal elements of clay, water and fire. There is no greener choice for the environmentally minded consumer.

Comprised of solid clay, genuine clay paver's feature natural color, through and through. Unlike concrete aggregate pavers, they will never fade in color and will actually age well, like a good wine.

Interested in bringing a natural

harmony to landscape design, clay pavers are the perfect choice. They combine the precision of modernity to a weathered antique, a sweep of colors and a myriad of textures applied with or without the help of homeowners and designers to express their own endless possibilities.

People's homes are a reflection of their dreams, beliefs and values. A brick walkway or patio is a timeless style with much unique creativity.

No other paving material comes close. Genuine clay pavers are the perfect choice to ensure that the landscape today will be the one tomorrow.

For more information, visit the Brick Industry Association at www.brickinfo.org.

Cake

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"All the grocery stores except Publix use frozen cakes," and it shows in the taste, he says.

And prettiness isn't everything, he advises.

"Decorations are the first thing you look at, but taste is always the thing that sticks with you."

■ Don't substitute ingredients unless you know exactly what you're doing. When the recipe calls for a certain kind of chocolate, for instance, use that kind only.

"There's a difference between Dutch-processed and regular chocolate that has to do with alkalinity," Kleinman says. Since each recipe involves complicated chemistry, changing ingredients could produce unforeseen results.

■ Don't assume the cake will cook in your oven at the same pace the recipe calls for. Check your oven temperature every few months with a good oven thermometer, and adjust your baking time if necessary.

COFFEE CREAM CAKE

¾ cup butter, softened
¾ cup sugar
3 eggs, lightly beaten
1 ½ cups self-rising flour
For the coffee syrup:
1 cup sugar
2 cups water
1 to 2 tablespoons brandy or rum (optional)
3 tablespoons coffee extract
For the decoration:
½ pint heavy cream
A few drops vanilla extract
1 to 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar, or to taste
Walnut halves

Grease an 8-inch cake pan and line base with a circle of greased waxed paper or parchment.

Cream butter and sugar together until light and creamy.

Gradually beat in eggs, adding 1 tablespoon of flour with the last addition of egg. Fold in remaining flour.

Turn into prepared pan and bake in a 375-degree oven for 45-50 minutes. Test for doneness by making sure a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean.

Make the coffee syrup by dis-

solving sugar in water in a saucepan over low heat. Remove from heat, add coffee extract and brandy or rum if desired.

Stand cake on a deep serving plate and pierce it all over with a skewer. Pour hot coffee syrup over the cake while it is still warm to increase absorption.

Leave cake to soak in syrup for at least 12 hours.

Whip cream with a few drops of vanilla extract for a minute or so, and add confectioners' sugar to taste. Whip until icing forms soft peaks. Cover top and sides of cake with cream and decorate with walnut halves. Makes 10 servings.

This coffee cake recipe is adapted from "Hamlyn All-Colour Cook Book" (Hamlyn Publishing Group Ltd.).

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Meringue shell:
4 large egg whites (about ½ cup) at room temperature
Pinch of salt
½ cup sugar
1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 cup heavy cream, well chilled
Sliced or cut-up assorted fresh fruits (e.g., nectarines, blueberries, kiwis, raspberries)

To make the meringue shell: Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Using a plate or an 8-inch cake pan as a guide, trace an 8-inch circle onto a sheet of parchment paper or waxed paper. Invert the paper onto a baking sheet and butter the paper lightly; set aside.

Using an electric mixer or whisk, beat egg whites with salt in a medium bowl on medium-high speed until foamy. Gradually beat in sugar; beat in vinegar and vanilla. Continue beating until meringue forms stiff, glossy peaks. Sift cornstarch over meringue and fold it in gently.

Heap meringue onto parchment paper, swirling it out with the back of a spoon to fill the 8-inch circle, forming high sides around the edge and leaving a wide indentation in the center.

Place the baking sheet with the meringue into the oven and immediately lower the temperature to 225 degrees. Bake, undisturbed, for 1

½-2 hours, or until set but still somewhat soft when pressed lightly with a fingertip. Transfer shell to a wire rack and let cool completely, about 30 minutes. (You can bake the meringue early in the day and leave it, loosely covered, at room temperature.)

Shortly before serving, whip the cream in a chilled bowl until nearly stiff. Top the meringue with the whipped cream; arrange the fruit attractively over the top. Makes 6 servings.

This cake recipe is by Richard Sax and can be found in "Birthday Cakes: Recipes and Memories from Celebrated Bakers" by Kathryn Kleinman (Chronicle Books).

TRIPLE-CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH GANACHE

6 ¾ ounces butter, softened
3 ¼ ounces sugar
1 ½ ounces rich cocoa, with butterfat of 22 percent or more
4 eggs
¼ ounce salt
1/3 ounce baking soda
10 ounces flour
12 ounces buttermilk
For ganache:
6 ounces bitter chocolate, chips or chunks
6 ounces sweet chocolate, chips or chunks
12 ounces heavy cream
Grease two 9-inch round cake pans.

Cream first three ingredients with electric mixer at low to medium speed. Add eggs one at a time, mixing at low speed.

Add rest of cake ingredients, except for buttermilk. Mix 1 minute at low speed.

Pour buttermilk in slowly, mixing at low speed, until ingredients are blended.

Mix at medium speed about 3 minutes. Divide batter evenly between two pans.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Check for doneness with small paring knife inserted into center. If it does not come out clean, bake 5 more minutes and test again.

Cool before icing. Makes 12 servings.

Ganache:
Put cream in medium saucepan and heat until warm enough to melt chocolate. Do not boil.

Fold both kinds of chocolate into hot cream with a wooden spoon or wire whisk.

Let cool and refrigerate, covered, overnight.

Put icing in mixer, using flat attachment (not wire whip), and mix until it has the consistency of cake icing.

Put icing on top of one layer and add second layer on top. Ice sides and top of two-layer cake.

Garnish with shaved chocolate. This cake recipe is from Tiffany's Bakery and Eatery in Columbia, S.C.

WHITE CHOCOLATE-RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE

Crust:
1 cup slivered almonds (optional)
2 cups graham cracker crumbs (7 ounces)
½ stick (¼ cup) unsalted butter, melted
Filling:
8 ounces fine-quality white chocolate
4 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
½ cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
4 whole large eggs
2 large egg yolks
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups (11 ounces) fresh raspberries or 12 ounces raspberry preserves
Fresh raspberries, mint sprigs and raspberry coulis for garnish
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

To make crust: Finely grind almonds and crumbs in a food processor and add butter, blending until combined.

Press over bottom and two-thirds up the side of a 10-inch

springform pan.

To make filling: Melt chocolate in a double boiler or a large metal bowl set over a saucepan of barely simmering water, stirring until smooth, and remove from heat. If using preserves, melt them in microwave or in saucepan on stove. Let cool.

Beat cream cheese with electric mixer at medium speed until fluffy, then beat in sugar.

Add whole eggs and yolks, one at a time, beating well at low speed and scraping down bowl after each addition.

Beat in flour and vanilla until just combined, then add melted chocolate in a slow stream, beating until filling is well combined.

Arrange berries in one layer over crust, or swirl in melted raspberry preserves, and pour filling into crust.

Bake in middle of oven until cake is set 3 inches from edge but center is still wobbly when pan is gently shaken, about 45-55 minutes.

Run a thin knife around edge of cake to loosen, then cool completely in pan on a rack. (Cake will continue to set as it cools.) Serve at room temperature or chilled. Makes 16 servings.

Note: Cheesecake can be made three days ahead and chilled, covered.

This cheesecake recipe is adapted from foodnetwork.com recipe courtesy of the Santacafe, Santa Fe, N.M.

PECAN-CARDAMOM POUND CAKE

2 cups butter, at room temperature
3 cups packed brown sugar
6 eggs
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

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Creating a stylish bath with a universal design is easy

... That's the sound of a person slipping on the bath tub. Unfortunately, for many Americans, the sound is more like, "Ouch!" That's because of the American Housing Survey, only about half of elderly households have the modifications they need. It's not just the aging that's a challenge — bathrooms present numerous challenges, regardless of age. From the mother whose center of gravity may be a bit off-kilter ... the "weekend warrior" who's hamstring playing football ... his old college buddies ... the six-year-old who is now living on her own and needs support in the bath ... everyone benefits from universal design. In fact, at one time or another in our lives, almost all of us will experience a temporary or permanent disability.

What is universal design?

What exactly is universal design? And how do we go about implementing it into our homes? According to the experts, the definition of universal design is a home that is friendly, regardless of a person's age or limitations — creating an environment that is safer, more functional and comfortable.

The goal of universal design is to help people retain their independent lifestyles," says Brian Moen, product manager at Creative Specialties International, a division of Moen Incorporated, a leading designer and manufacturer of the new Home Care line of bath safety items. "It's finding products that meet the perfect balance of safety and function, but also appealing design. The universal designs are those that seamlessly integrate into the home and become an integral part of the room and its décor."

To achieve a stylish approach to universal design, some manufacturers, such as Creative Specialties International, are working to create products with features that fit into the overall design of the room. New offerings include items which are both functional and aesthetically pleasing. One of the best news? You don't have to build a new home to incorporate universal design features — many new products can be incorporated into existing home plans — making it easier than ever before to begin creating your home a more comfortable place to live.

Where should I start?

Universal design elements can be implemented in all parts of the home, the room that receives first priority is the bathroom. Slippery floors, bursts of hot water and cramped quarters in a shower or tub can be obstacles for anyone — and for a person with a disability, these hazards are magnified. In fact, for the bathroom itself can be made to independent living. Installing just a few ADA-compliant products in the bath can

make the difference between an individual taking care of themselves in their own home or having to rely on others," adds Grant. While a minimal effort can result in maximum results, many homeowners are reluctant to install universally designed products for fear of their "clinical" look with bulky and obtrusive designs. However, that is no longer the case. Today's ADA-compliant products feature designs with sturdy construction and an appealing design.

Creative Specialties International placed a high priority on style and function with its new Home Care line of ADA-compliant products for the bath. These products combine safe, solid construction with an attractive, stylish design.

According to Grant, "We spent hundreds of hours in people's homes to allow them to demonstrate their typical bathing routine — from stepping into the shower, to how they steady themselves, to where they grab their soap or shampoo from, to even how they pick up the towel when exiting. The information we gained was priceless when we designed the new line of products."

According to the American Housing Survey, only about half of elderly disabled households have the home modifications they need.

So, where should you start when creating a universally designed bath? The main concern should be the bathtub or shower, as this is the location that causes the most slips and falls. The following are a few recommendations to incorporate universal design in this area:

Shower

Because the risk of scalding increases for the disabled or elderly, equip your home with a pressure-balanced shower system. Its valve maintains an even water temperature so shower users will not feel a hot or cold surge in water (commonly referred to as "shower shock"). Even when running a dishwasher or flushing a toilet, the valve ensures that the water remains within two degrees to keep the shower temperature consistent, comfortable and safe. ADA-compliant grab bars

Grab bars give you something to grab onto when entering and exiting the tub. In addition, they provide added stability while you are in the shower. Once institutional in appearance, they now come in a variety of stylish designs to fit any bath décor, and some even match faucet designs to create a coordinated suite look for the bath. Consumers can typically choose from a variety of sizes, from 12 to 42

Dual tub grip

For those who have difficulty stepping over the side of the bathtub, there's now an ideal solution. The new Home Care Dual Tub Grip from Creative Specialties International features a sturdy, no-wobble design and two different heights for grasping — lending a wonderful helping hand to stepping in and out of the tub. Designed with textured grab areas shaped flat for better gripping, the Dual Tub Grip slides easily onto the tub wall and secures into place by a unique system that clamps into place with a locking lever (requiring no turning or twisting motion to install). This design allows the Grip to fit on various widths of tubs and the non-skid pads protect the tub walls from scratches.

Adjustable tub and shower chair

A shower chair is perfect for any individual who prefers, or finds it necessary, to sit while showering. Look for a product with non-slip rubber feet, as this feature will not only provide additional stability, but also protect the tub from nicks and scratches. Most shower chair legs are adjustable and should fit most bathtubs.

Hand-held shower

A hand-held shower, such as Moen's Revolution, is the perfect accessory to a shower chair because the product allows you to manipulate the force, flow and direction of the water without having to reach the top of the shower. Be sure the hand-held shower you choose has a large dial formed from a non-slip material to make it easy to hold and use in a wet environment. A note of caution regarding hand-held showers: many of today's hand-held showers, while convenient for seniors and others, come attached to slide bars to adjust their height. However, these are not to be confused with grab bars, as they do not provide safe support.

Transfer bench

Ideal for individuals who have trouble stepping up and over the side of a bathtub, a transfer bench is a perfect option for those afflicted by arthritis, a sports injury or recent surgery — as well as anyone who cannot easily squat, bend or lift and needs added security when entering the tub. A transfer bench features two legs that rest inside the bath and two legs that rest on the bathroom floor, so a person can sit down outside the tub and then move inside the tub by sliding across the bench. The product allows for a safe, fluid motion into the shower.

Beyond the bath

While the bathtub and shower area should receive top priority,



THE DUAL TUB GRIP slides easily onto the tub wall and secures into place by a unique system that clamps into place with a locking lever (requiring no turning or twisting motion to install).

the rest of the bathroom should not be ignored when implementing universal design elements. Remember that the goal is to create ease of use in the bathroom. Following are a few suggestions for outside the tub area:

Paper holder

Changing the toilet paper roll is an act that most people take for granted. However, for individuals afflicted with arthritis, the required dexterity needed to handle this task can make it extremely difficult.

Fortunately, Creative Specialties International recently introduced a Pivoting Paper Holder (available in five different style options) which is spring-free and features a unique easy-load format so the paper roll can be easily changed out with one hand.

Elevated toilet seat

For those who have trouble bending or sitting, an elevated toilet seat is an excellent addition to the bath. Typically, an elevated toilet seat hooks onto the bowl so it rests naturally on the toilet rim and raises the seat higher than the standard 14-15 inches off the floor. When purchasing an elevated toilet seat, look for products that of-

fer a locking mechanism for added stability — as well as those that can be easily removed for cleaning or when company is visiting.

Faucets

A universally-designed bathroom should feature a faucet with lever handles. This attribute makes them easy to activate, especially for those with a prosthetic device or persons who may suffer from arthritis. And today's lever handle faucets are far from dull looking — many different finishes and styles will help create elegance in the bath with dramatic designs while still being universal in design.

Adding a telephone

A final tip when incorporating universal design in your bath is to

install a telephone with a cord that is easily reachable from the floor. If an accident occurs, rescue help is only a phone call away. Final words of advice

While the thought of incorporating universal design into your entire home may seem overwhelming, it's simple to start with one room and work from there. By following these recommendations, you will make your first step in achieving a safe, comfortable environment — all while keeping a sense of style.

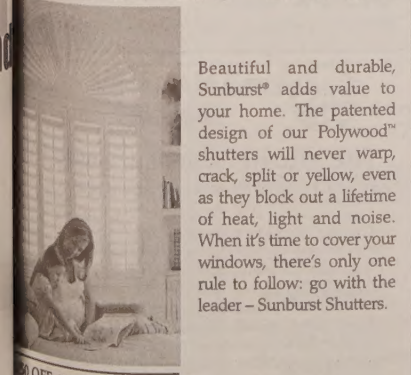
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Book explores how owners create a cozy nest in your own home

BY DEBRA O'CONNOR
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ST. PAUL, Minn. — When you walk through your door and into the place where you live, do you feel, "Ah, I'm home!" Or do you feel as though you've merely arrived at your house?

There's a big difference, say architects, interior designers and the multitudes who savor their time in their living spaces. One is just somewhere you keep your stuff. The other goes way beyond a physical place; it's an experience, an emotional reaction that makes you feel warm and protected.

Most people have lived in places, ranging from a dorm room to a 6,000-square-foot McCastle, where they couldn't form an emotional relationship with the roof over their heads. But for most people, how they feel about where they live is key to how happy they are.

So, what makes a house a home? And how can you make your house — or apartment, or town house — a place worthy of the word "home"?

Sarah Susanka, a former Twin Cities architect, tackles these questions in a new book, "Home by Design: Transforming Your House Into Home."

"There are two real answers to this," says Susanka, who is also author of the popular "The Not So Big House" and "Creating the Not So Big House" books. "One that most people are aware of is when you personalize a house, it starts to feel more like a home. I call it imbuing your house with things that you care about. It's your personality. You can tell who lives there. That's the part that we understand as a culture."

"The thing we don't (understand) is what you can do to shape space to make it engaging," and that's what she's writing about.

Compelling chemistry

In the book, she says: "Just like love, the chemistry between house and homeowner must be compelling, or all the preplanning to get the right number, size and location of rooms will be worthless. Specifics alone are not enough. Though they can secure basic shelter and a degree of functionality, they are not enough to supply the ingredients that will provide delight on a daily basis."

The book is loaded with color pictures that exemplify Susanka's philosophy. It's written mainly for homeowners who know what appeals to them, but don't know how to express that to their architects, builders or designers. And it gives the professionals a way to explain

to their clients why they think certain approaches will work.

The book offers a way to see and talk about why certain design elements dealing with space, light and order — such as entryways, colors and views within the house — make a house homier. For example, it's not the size of a home, she says, but the interrelationships between walls, ceilings and windows that make a person feel comfortable and secure.

The personalities and interests of the homeowners also have a huge impact, says Sandra Mangel, current Minnesota chapter president of the American Society of Interior Designers.

"Number one, what makes a house a home is the people who live there — how do they work, how do they play," says Mangel, who has an interior design business in Minneapolis. So a person could walk into a friend's house and say, "It's not my style, but I still find it homey," she says.

"It feels that someone does live there and their personality is translated into that home with the style of architecture and the furnishings," she says. "What a designer can bring to the table is the essence of continuity, that flow from room to room that gives you the tranquility, like every room is like turning the pages of a book. Every room is some reflection of the owner."

Life stages

How that plays out depends not only on the homeowners' style preferences but on their stage of life.

For example, years ago Mangel helped WCCO radio host Pat Miles with her English manor-style home, which was very formal. But that house turned out not to work so well when her children were growing up and the family wanted a more relaxed approach.

So they moved to a '50s ranch-style house, did extensive remodeling and added softer fabrics such as chenilles and corduroys that gave a sense of comfort to each room.

Another couple, Bette Fenton and her husband, Curt, have worked with Mangel through several stages of their home. Fenton has 11 brothers and sisters, and when her family gets together, there are 54 of them.

Under Mangel's guidance, the kitchen was arranged so several chefs can work in it at once: The cooktop can be accessed from two sides of the island, as can the cabinets, and there's a separate sink for salad preparation.

Their first house didn't feel very homey, Fenton says, with its heavy,

dark Mediterranean furniture: "Now we giggle when we look at pictures." With Mangel's help, this house has evolved over the years.

"Some of my friends have had their homes done by a designer, and it's a 'Designer House,'" but the Fenton home, she says, expresses their own tastes and interests, with her husband's Indian artifacts beautifully displayed and lit.

Now, Fenton says, "I'm on a campaign to be a grandma," and with Mangel she's redoing the basement as a young child's dream. Kids can ride their trikes and roller skate on the cork floor. Finishes and fabrics are kid-proof. No one will have to admonish children to keep their feet off the furniture or wet glasses off the tables.

Home is a place for people to relax and rejuvenate, says Shirley Bolduc, who owns an interior design business in Minneapolis.

"Home should be a place they come and get their cup filled back up again," she says. For many people, that sense of comfort comes from soft lighting, overstuffed furniture, warm colors and soft fabrics. They also like to see family pictures and art they've collected on their travels.

Kitchen as heart

Many families consider their kitchens to be the heart of their homes, says Lori Jo Krengel of Kitchens by Krengel in St. Paul.

"It's food, and there's some security in (that) sense," Krengel says. "Our time is so precious today. As a family, it seems like the meals are where we're spending the majority of the quality time together."

If kitchens are easy to work in, sit in and hang around, the family spends a lot of time there. Often, children do their homework at the kitchen island or in the hearth room, perhaps while parents are cooking. And at parties, of course, everyone always ends up in the kitchen.

Modern kitchens typically are open to at least part of the rest of the house, which is great for socializing but can cause challenges. They benefit from proper ventilation so the coffee aroma can linger but the fish odor disappears; a quiet dishwasher that doesn't overwhelm a conversation; a deep sink to splash pans until later, perhaps a fireplace to look at and laze by. And maybe wine storage, Krengel says, where "the bottles are memories or anticipations of a good time."

"What you want a kitchen to do ... you want that homeowner to walk in every day and think, 'This space brings me joy.'"



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THIS HOME, designed by architect Sarah Susanka, features a view from the formal dining room into the kitchen, features a window that light to fill a hallway but translucent for privacy, and bottom.

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Home bathrooms are becoming sanctuaries for body and soul

BY CINDY HOEDEL
American bath
culture is changing

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used to crave jetted tubs
bustling showers that blasted
bodies like waves pounding the
sides. Baths and showers were in-
spiring, exhilarating, energizing.
left us whistling Zipity Do Da
pounding around like the guy
in the Irish Spring commercial. But
days, we're over vigor. We
to be soothed.

The up-to-date master bath —
the cool stuff goes — is be-
coming a spa-like sanctuary. You
warm your bones in a steam
shower, submerge yourself in a
soaking tub or linger under a
rain shower.

Bob and Marida Cutler's new
square-foot master bath is re-
sponsible for what it doesn't have:
a pool.

"I knew we wouldn't use it,"
he says. There is a tub — an
old custom-built stone basin
integrated seats but no jets.
It's also a combination water-
fall shower and a wooden
bench in a glass-walled alcove
overlooks the Leawood, Kan.,
backyard pool.
Huffaker of Maysville, Mo.,
the tub of her dreams on the
wall — the Kohler sok, an over-
the tub bath with chromather-
apy water appears to change
underwater LED light ports
gradually through a pro-
gram of eight colors. By push-
button, the bather can stop
desired hue.

When she saw images of the
sok, Huffaker says, "That was it. I
knew I had to have that tub." Even
at the suggested retail price of
\$7,143, the indulgence is worth it.
Huffaker says: "I think color really
influences your mood."

With or without chromatherapy,
air tubs are fast replacing whirlpools
as the apple of the trendy bather's
eye. Their advantages are many,
say bath designers.

The up-to-date master bath is
becoming a spa-like
sanctuary. You can
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steam shower,
submerge yourself in
a deep soaking tub or
linger under a gentle-
rain shower.

For one thing, air jets don't blast
specific points of your body like wa-
ter jets. Instead, they create loads
of tiny bubbles. "It's an all-over ex-
perience," says Julie Sambo, show-
room consultant at Ferguson Bath &
Kitchen Gallery in Lenexa, Kan.

Air tubs are quieter than
whirlpools, too. Sambo says water
jet tubs can get pretty loud: "That
can be annoying to people." Over-
flow tubs, such as the Kohler sok,
use splashing water to create a re-
laxing sound.

Best of all, aromatherapy fans
can use bath oils and bath salts in
an air tub. Bubble bath and the like

are a no-no in whirlpools: Water jets
can become clogged or collect
residues that harbor bacteria.

Despite the rising popularity of
air baths and plain old soaker tubs,
statistics show Americans still over-
whelmingly prefer showering to
bathing. But today's power shower
is a gentle downpour from a ceil-
ing-mounted rain head.

The round flat fixtures, also
known as sunflower or pan
shower heads, range from 6 to a
whopping 18 inches. And size
does matter — the widest models
provide complete coverage, says
designer Eric Negrete of Helix, so
"you don't have to wriggle" to get
your whole body wet.

Customers at Expo Design Cen-
ter in Lenexa are also interested in
free-standing shower columns by
Pharo, says design supervisor
Anastasia Blackwood. Angled body
sprays and a hand-held shower
head, some of which light up, are
mounted on a pole that can be po-
sitioned away from the wall. This
gives the walls a clean look and
"adds a focal point" to the bath,
Blackwood says.

But perhaps the biggest news
in the home bath-cum-spa is steam.
Sales of steam showers have risen
steadily in the last two years, show-
room consultants say.

A steam shower looks a lot like
a water shower, except that the
glass enclosure extends to the ceil-
ing. Also the door has to be sealed;
some trendy frameless models
won't hold the steam in. The thing
Bob Cutler enjoys most about his
new steam shower, he says, is the
instant warm-up it provides "after
you've been jogging or working
outside on a cold day."

Most steam showers are pur-
chased for new or remodeled



BOB AND MARIDA CUTLER'S spa-like master bath at their home in Leawood, Kan., features a combination steam/water shower and roomy custom soaker tub with built-in seats. Home bathrooms are becoming sanctuaries.

baths. Prices range from \$3,000
to \$6,000.

It's possible to retrofit an exist-
ing bath with steam. Freestanding
units start around \$1,500, Black-
wood says. In decor, warm wood is
replacing industrial chrome.

Teak vanities, stepping stools
and floor mats are the accessories
du jour. Negrete just installed a teak
vanity in a remodeled bathroom for
a client in Kansas City, Mo.

The warmth of the wood, he
says, combined with the coolness
of stone in the shower area creates
a "great balance — very Zen-like."

The Asian look that has been so
hot in home furnishings is making
its way into the bath, no doubt.
Even World Market carries a line of
Zen-like bath accessories such as
towel holders and mirrors. Negrete,
who regularly travels to the coasts
where trends begin, predicts Japan-
ese soaking tubs will be making a
splash soon. They are shorter, but
deeper, than Western tubs and of-
ten have a built-in seat but no jets.

Continuing reluctance to travel
on the part of Negrete's clients is
driving the spa trend, he thinks.
"People aren't traveling to the Eu-

ropean spas they're accustomed
to, so they're bringing (the experi-
ence) home," he says.

Other times inspiration comes
from a favorite hotel. "I can't tell you
how many clients have said 'I want
my bathroom to be like the one I
had at the Four Seasons (hotel) in
New York,'" he says. With bath-
rooms getting bigger, Sambo says,
there's simply more room to fill than
there used to be.

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breezeway, carport, porch or under
an awning or any under covering
that can catch fire.

■ Never leave the grill unat-
tended, especially when small chil-
dren and pets are present.

■ Be cautious of overhead ob-
structions, including tree branches,
while grilling. n Keep a fire exting-
uisher handy when grilling and know
how to properly use it. n Always
follow the manufacturers' in-
structions that accompany the grill.

UL's Consumer Affairs manager
John Drengenberg said, "A few sim-
ple precautions around the barbe-
cue grill can not only protect the chef
but also the hamburgers, hot dogs
and steaks."

Gas grill safety tips

■ Check the tubes leading into
the burner for any blockage from in-
sects, spiders, or grease. Use a pipe
cleaner or wire to clear blockage and
push it through to the main part of

the burner.

■ Check grill hoses for cracking,
brittleness, holes and leaks. Make
sure there are no kinks in the hose
or tubing.

■ Move gas hoses as far away
as possible from hot surfaces and
dripping hot grease.

■ Replace scratched or frayed
connectors, which can eventually
leak gas.

■ Check for gas leaks, following
the manufacturer's instructions, if
you smell gas or when you recon-
nect the grill to the propane tank.
Never use a match to check for
leaks. If you detect a leak, immedi-
ately turn off the gas and don't at-
tempt to light the grill again until the
leak is fixed.

■ Keep lit cigarettes, matches, or
open flames away from a leaking
grill.

■ Do not attempt to repair the
tank valve or the appliance yourself.
Take it to your local home improve-
ment store, hardware store or a qual-
ified appliance repairperson.

■ Use caution when storing your

propane tank. Always keep the con-
tainers upright. Never store a spare
tank under or near the grill or in-
doors. Never store or use flamma-
ble liquids, like gasoline, near the
grill.

■ To avoid accidents while trans-
porting propane tanks, transport
them in a secure upright position.

■ Be sure your propane tank has
an over-fill prevention device. As of
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protect against propane leaks that
may cause fire or explosions.

■ Never keep a filled tank in a
hot car or car trunk. Heat will cause
the gas pressure to increase, which
may open the relief valve and allow
gas to escape.

■ You should use extreme cau-
tion and always follow the manufac-
turers' instructions when connect-
ing or disconnecting a propane tank
to your grill. Charcoal grill safety tips

■ Charcoal should never be used
indoors, even if ventilation is pro-
vided. Since charcoal produces car-
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the grill indoors until the charcoal is
completely extinguished.

■ Never use gasoline or
kerosene to light a charcoal fire. Both
can cause an explosion.

■ Never attempt to restart the
flame by adding additional lighting
fluid to an already lit grill.

■ If you use an electrical char-
coal lighter, only use a UL Listed
lighter.

■ Keep a spray bottle of water
nearby to handle flare-ups while
grilling.

■ Be sure to place your grill on a
flat, level surface so it won't tip over.

■ Wait until the coals have com-
pletely cooled (may take a few
hours) before disposing of them.

■ Remember, coals get hot — up

to 1,000 degrees F. Use insulated,
flame-retardant mitts when cooking
or handling any part of the grill. Also
use long-handled barbecue tongs
and utensils for safe handling of food
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Hot, hot tub trends

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There's no time like the present for a soothing soak in a hot tub. Really, who isn't stressed these days?

But a hot tub is more than just a place to relax and unwind. There's a noticeable trend in hot tubs toward integrating sensation, sight and sound to achieve a total sensory experience that is extraordinarily easy to enjoy.

Smart innovations — massaging jets that target tired muscles, the surround sound of your favorite tunes, changeable lighting and hands-off water-care techniques — make hot tubs hotter than ever.

Bob Hallam, owner of Dimension One Spas, Inc., says there is a movement toward a more sophisticated product. Adjustable colors, new chemical systems, lights and waterfalls all "allow the hot tub to not be put into a corner of the back yard," he says. "Hot tubs are becoming more of a focal point in the yard."

Catch the feeling

According to a survey by the National Spa and Pool Institute (NSPI), an international trade association of more than 5,300 manufacturers, distributors, retailers, service companies and builders in the pool and spa industry, there are 6 million hot tub owners in the United States alone. Another survey, this one in "Arthritis Today," found that 49 percent of these owners use their hot tubs four to six times each week.

What they know (and enjoy) is this: Hot tubs provide a perfect, private venue for relaxing and renewing your spirit. The combination of warm water and massaging jets provides hydrotherapy to soothe body and soul. And you can even exercise if you want.

Hot tub manufacturers and de-

signers are constantly coming up with new and attractive ways to get the water moving. They do this with powerful — but not punishing — jets that target specific muscles from back to neck to calves and even wrists. Directional and rotary nozzles create a variety of sensations, allowing you to customize your soak. There are foot wells to ease aching feet and clusters of jets to relax lower backs; and these are housed in sleek, smooth, comfortable units with seating to accommodate various body types.

Master Spas takes in-water therapy a step further with a patented Master Force Bio-Magnetic Therapy System. Powerful magnets strategically placed in the hot tub's molded seats apply magnetic therapy to pressure points on the neck and back. This technology grew from practical application. Master Spas' president Bob Lauter was having problems with a shoulder. His massage therapist recommended magnetic therapy. "It worked for me," he says. When his daughter, who plays college soccer, hurt her knee, the surgeons placed her leg in a knee brace outfitted with magnets to promote healing. That was good enough for Lauter who then set about incorporating the therapy into his company's hot tubs.

Most of the people buying spas today are aging baby boomers, he points out. "They want relaxation, but they also want the ability to have therapy, too."

Surround sound

The very sound of water is calming. Some hot tubs are equipped with a "tranquillity" mode for the hushed and gentle sound of moving water. Others have waterfalls built right in, and the relaxing sound of

water isn't all you get to enjoy.

The serious audiophile can find hot tubs that come with amplifiers embedded inside the tub's casing. The SpAudio System offered by Hot Springs Portable Spas lets you feel the music. This accessory sends sound waves through the spa shell, essentially transforming the spa surface into a giant high-fidelity stereo speaker. There's sound enough to overpower even the strongest jets without disturbing the neighbors.

The amplifier's components are coated to protect them from damage by water, heat and the elements. A close-at-hand dial on the edge of the tub controls volume and equalizer settings. Playing music is easy. Just place the CD/FM/AM player into a weather-resistant carrier, take it to your hot tub and plug it into the receptacle on the spa cabinet.

Some hot tubs also come with pop-up, flat-screen, digital televisions as entertaining choices.

Illuminating ideas

Today's hot tubs have water features that look as good as they sound because many incorporate lights. They can, in effect, transform your spa into functional art.

There are illuminated water arcs as well as gently flowing backlit falls. These water features look magical at night, and they create a nice white noise, Hallam says.

There are practical lights such as automatic daylight-sensing (photocell-controlled) step lights that come on when needed. Other spas have lights that can be positioned on the steps or around the top edges of the spa, depending upon what you want to illuminate. Still other hot tubs can change colors. Color-changing bulbs or colorwheels paired with fiber-optic lighting make it possible and easy to do.

Easy to love

Convenience starts with construction. Today's hot tubs are made of tough, impact-resistant materials designed to weather the elements and look good doing it. Manmade cabinets, with furniture details, cut down on maintenance. There is a trend toward natural-looking finishes including some that mimic granite from around the world. Colorfast materials won't fade or dull in sunlight, and chemical- and stain-resistance keeps common household stains (lipstick, ink, crayons) from permanence.

Automatic heating and cleaning cycles eliminate any worries about programming your hot tub. You decide what water temperature you like, then set it and forget it. Master Spas has a digital panel to display functions with scrolling text — reminding you of when to do the most basic of spa care such as checking water chemistry and cleaning filters.

And easily retractable covers that are UL classified in accordance with ASTM safety standards do double duty. They feature child-resistant safety locks and in addition to the safety factor, these covers help hold heat and water in and keep dirt out. Cover-removal systems, such as those made by Sunstar Spa Covers, Inc., work like a "garage-door opener." When removal is easy, it's easier to enjoy your spa.

For more information on what's hot with hot tubs, visit www.hot-tubbing.com, www.poolandspaliving.com, www.nspi.org, or contact NSPI at 800-323-3996.

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Gazebos: The new backyard hot spot

What's the latest trend in outdoor decor? Backyard gazebos. Experts say the "mini-pavilions" have become popular with homeowners across the country because they add beauty and value to a home. Plus, unlike patios and decks, gazebos can be used rain or shine.

A gazebo can be built in a single weekend. If you plan to build one in your yard, try these tips:

Planning

Typical gazebo designs are eight-sided, with railings and a peaked roof. However, gazebos can be customized to fit virtually any-sized yard. If you're looking for ideas, www.cedar-outdoor.org has several free gazebo designs.

Materials

One of the most popular building materials for gazebos is western red cedar. "Cedar brings an exceptional, all-natural look, warmth and character to outdoor spaces. Plus, cedar is environmentally responsible," says Peter Lang, general manager for the Western Red Cedar Lumber Association.

Homeowners often use cedar with other materials for unique results. For instance, placing opaque

acrylic panels between the gazebo can turn an open gazebo into a tea house.

Decorating

Gazebos lend themselves to events such as birthdays, weddings and holidays. With imagination, you can make the gazebo match the theme (think red, white and blue for the 4th of July).

Also, strategically placed plants can form a seamless transition between the gazebo and the landscape.

Or, try using cedar planks they're easy to build and set up your new gazebo.

Lighting

Lighting adds ambience. Lets you extend your outdoor evenings well into the night. Remember to think about lighting needs before you build.

Planning ahead lets you incorporate channels for electrical wiring and eliminates the need for slightly extension cords.

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